



GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT



3 1833 01736 9130

GENEALOGY  
974.7  
H71H  
1941-1945







Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2016

<https://archive.org/details/halvemaende1620holl>



## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

JANUARY 15, 1941

### ANNUAL BANQUET HONORS FORD

PELING RAIN and murky fog failed to dampen zestful enjoyment of the 56th annual banquet of The Holland Society by 356 members and guests who gathered at the Plaza, New York, November 14, to honor Henry Ford, industrialist, recipient this year of the gold medal. Wendell L. Willkie was the medalist the year before.

Of no less interest was the address of Dr. Alexander Loudon, Netherlands minister to the United States, who as speaker of the evening told of continuing sturdy opposition to Nazi rule in his homeland.

President Arthur R. Wendell presented the gold medal and diploma to Mr. Ford in recognition of the automobile maker's eminence in scientific manufacture. *(Continued on Page 3)*

### PRINCESS JULIANA

ON BEHALF of the Society, the Trustees presented Crown Princess Juliana of The Netherlands, who was in New York, December 20, with a corsage bouquet of roses and forget-me-nots, and also a \$50 check for the Holland Sailors Christmas Committee fund.

### JANUARY EVENTS:

TWO GATHERINGS of the Society no member will want to miss take place this month.

**SMOKER:** Pennsylvania Hotel, January 27; reception 6 p.m.; dinner 6:45; entertainment. Business suits. Tickets: Member's "chip-in" \$1.00; guest's usual \$2.50. Key note: joviality.

**PREVIEW:** of Dutch heirlooms, prior to opening of exhibition sponsored by The Holland Society. Holland House, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, January 28; 5-7 p.m. Tea and cocktails. Informal. Members; one guest each. Attendance limited to 225. No charge. Tickets required.

### TRUSTEES' MEETING

JAY LEFEVRE of New Paltz was elected Trustee to fill the unexpired term of the late William E. Bruyn at quarterly meeting of the Trustees held at the Harvard Club, New York, December 12.

Secretary Vedder announced that a \$2,000 legacy left to the Society by the late H. Russell Voorhees, was about to be paid.

A nominating committee was elected, consisting of Walter M. Miserole, Fenton B. Turck, Jr., William Van Wyck, Harrison Deyo, and Wheeler N. Voorhees.

Allen County Fair, 1901  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

## MEMORIALS TO FORMER OFFICERS

AT THE TRUSTEES' Meeting of December 12, memorials to a deceased former President and a deceased Trustee were read. Condensations of these memorials follow:

*Edward De Witt*

THE De Witt family, of which the late Edward De Witt was a member, is one of the most distinguished in the annals of The Holland Society. Two of that name served as its Presidents: George G. De Witt in 1902 and his kinsman and business associate, Edward De Witt, the subject of this memorial, in 1922.

Edward De Witt died November 14, 1940, at his home in Englewood, New Jersey, where he had resided since 1930. He joined the Society June 12, 1902. Not only was he President in 1922, but he served as Trustee with faithful attention and devotion from 1914 to 1940. He served on many committees, his most important contribution probably being to the Committee on Old Dutch Houses. Throughout the whole thirty-eight years of his membership he showed an intense interest in the Society and its activities and was most liberal in his advice and interest and help toward the Society's activities. He was of inestimable help to the underwriting committees which brought out the two volumes on pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses.

Thus passes from the scene and from our midst one of our older members who had associated with those who made The Holland Society the great institution that it is and whose kindly interest endeared him to every one with whom he came in contact. He was an active, distinguished, and outstanding citizen. The Holland Society suffers an irreparable loss in the passing of Edward De Witt.

*William E. Bruyn*

WHEN on the last day of October of this year 1940 death took from us our friend and close associate William Edmund Bruyn in his sixty-second year, The Holland Society of New York lost not only one of its most devoted, loyal, and valuable members but a friend who was held in great affection and esteem by all of his associates.

William Edmund Bruyn was born in Rosendale, Ulster County, New York, June 30, 1879. He joined The Holland Society March 14, 1929, as a life member. He served as Vice President for Ulster County from April, 1935, until his death, and as Trustee of the Society from October 8, 1936, until the time of his death. He took great interest in the affairs of The Holland Society, did much toward making the Ulster County Branch a large and influential body, and in every matter entrusted to him gave full devotion. He was recently made a member of the Finance Committee. The same traits of character which meant so much to The Holland Society won for Mr. Bruyn a high and distinguished position in the business world.

Thus passes from us one whose kindly presence, genuine interest and wise counsel will be sadly missed, but the memory of whose friendship will remain throughout the lives of those of us privileged to have associated with him.

## BOOK POSTAGE

REDUCED price of \$10 for the second volume of the two books on pre-Revolutionary Dutch houses, as announced in the last issue, does not include postage and postal insurance charges. For the New York zone, they amount to 23 cents.



DE HALVE MAEN  
*Published Quarterly by*  
THE HOLLAND SOCIETY  
OF NEW YORK

90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK



Organized in 1885 to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and propagate the principles of Dutch civilization, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse; composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

Arthur R. Wendell, President, care of The Wheaton Corporation, Rahway, N. J.; Frank H. Vedder, Secretary, 90 West Street, New York; Ottomar H. Van Norden, Treasurer, 1155 Park Avenue, New York City.  
DE HALVE MAEN is published under the direction of a committee consisting of Wilfred B. Talmage, Chairman, John C. Sebring, Jr., Walter H. Van Hoosen, and Hugh G. Berken. Edited by Richard H. Amerman.

## HAIL AND FAREWELL

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees December 12, 1940:  
Laurence Van Houten Bogert  
Garden City, N. Y.  
Edward Fiedler Livingston Bruun  
New York City  
Maurice Pelham van Buren New York City

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:  
William E. Brayn New York City  
George B. Cortelyou Huntington, N. Y.  
Edward De Witt Englewood, N. J.  
Gerrit Kouwenhoven New Rochelle, N. Y.  
Bernard D. Van Kleek Poughkeepsie, N. Y.  
William G. Waldron Amsterdam, N. Y.  
Augustus T. Wynkoop Utica, N. Y.

## GUARD NOTE

IT WAS BROUGHT OUT at the Trustees' meeting that 20 percent of the Society membership in attendance at the annual banquet consisted of members of the Burgher Guard. The Guard has seven vacancies before reaching its membership limit of 50.

## GIFT OF DUTCH FLAG

Donor of a Dutch flag accepted for the Society by Secretary Vedder at the Trustees' December meeting is Miss Marguerite Baiz of New York, legatee of the banner from the estate of her sister, the late Mrs. Thomas S. Van Volkenburgh. Her late brother-in-law, Thomas S. Van Volkenburgh, was a charter member of the Society. The gift was effected through Frederick P. De Witt of The Fifth Avenue Bank, executor.

## MEMBERSHIP NOTE

THE TRUSTEES accepted at their December meeting the proposal by H. Russ Van Vleck of Montclair, N. J., for life membership of Joseph Van Vleck III of West Hartford, Conn., now 13 years of age, the election to become effective when he reaches the age of 18.

This follows a precedent established in 1930, when the late Seymour van Santvoord of Troy proposed and the Trustees elected to membership his grandson, Zeger van Santvoord, who attained the age of 18 several years ago and is now a full-fledged member.

## ANNUAL BANQUET

(Continued from Page 1)  
ture beneficial to mankind. Mr. Ford, in accepting the award, expressed his thanks briefly and acknowledged a debt to his Dutch ancestry.

Harold O. Voorhis, secretary of New York University, delivered an introductory address on the art of scientific production in which he praised Mr. Ford as "a social benefactor who

(Continued on Page 4)



## ANNUAL BANQUET

(Continued from Page 3)

has set the pace for the humane and enlightened advancement of our vast industrial populace."

Dr. Loudon in his address described Nazi measures undertaken to break down Dutch loyalty to the throne, as by forbidding use of the word "royal" and display of symbolic flowers, but told his audience they had failed to accomplish their purpose. The tradition of democracy and independence continues strong, and the nation's spirit remains unbowed, he said.

The Burgher Guard turned out in force. Led by their captain, Rufus Cole Van Aken, they paraded National and Society colors to the dais, and formed a guard of honor for the distinguished guests. Prior to the coming of the toothsome *hutspot*, three of their number, Hugh Guille Bergen, Philip R. Deyo, and Stryker Williamson, performed the traditional beaver ceremony.

Toasts were drunk to President Roosevelt and Queen Wilhelmina, and the *Wilhelmus* sung. Another toast, to Mr. Willkie, was proposed by Dr. George Van Riper and accepted, as were the others, with applause.

Newsreel pictures of the banquet received world-wide distribution in all but axis countries. Nearly 50 million people will see them, the Paramount News office said, including an estimated 30 million persons in the United States in more than 2,000 theaters. Copy of the film is now in possession of the Society, gift of the newsreel company.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF

THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently.

By gift and exchange:

From "Algemeen Nederlandsch Verbond: *Nederlandia*.

From The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine*, Vol. IV, Nos. 1 and 2, 1940.

From Dutchess County Historical Society: *Year Book for 1940*, Vol. 25.

From The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: *Year Book 1940-1941*, Vol. XVI.

From Historical Records Survey, Works Progress Administration: *Inventory of County Archives of New York City, Bronx County No. 1; Inventory of the Church Archives in New York City: Religious Society of Friends*.

From The Long Island Historical Society: *Quarterly*, Vol. 2, No. 4, October, 1940.

From The National Genealogist: *The National Genealogist*, Vol. I, No. 5, December, 1940.

From New Hampshire Historical Society: *Charter, By-Laws, etc. of the Society (1940)*.

From New York State Historical Association: *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association*, Vol. XXXVIII.

From Richard Schermerhorn, Jr.: *History of Gilead Evangelical Lutheran Church, Centre Brunswick, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. and the vicinity*, by Rev. J. N. Barnett (1881).

From Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York: *Reports and Proceedings*, July 1, 1939 to June 30, 1940.

From Staten Island Historical Society: *Staten Island Historian*, Vol. III, No. 4, October, 1940.

By purchase:

*New Brunswick in History (1925)*, by William H. Benedict.

*Tombstone Inscriptions in Fairton and Hopewell, Cumberland Co., N. J.*





## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

APRIL 1, 1941

### CHURCH SERVICE

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY, and their relatives and friends are cordially invited by the Trustees to attend the first annual church service of The Holland Society, which the Rev. Ernest R. Palen, Domine, is to conduct, at Middle Collegiate Church, Second Avenue and Seventh Street, New York, at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 27.

Expression of memorial tribute to late members, amid pageantry of the colors, is to distinguish this new function of the Society.

### TRUSTEES' SESSION

AT QUARTERLY MEETING of the Trustees held at the Harvard Club, March 13, Secretary Vedder reported that the Society consisted of 811 members, inclusive of the 16 elected and 2 reinstated at that time.

Treasurer Van Norden in his report noted a falling off in income owing to the passing of some of the older members that has somewhat offset the increase in dues to \$10 per year. It was indicated, however, that the full calendar of events would continue although economies might prove necessary.

It was decided to publish a yearbook in pamphlet form during the Spring.

### ANNUAL MEETING

NEXT MONDAY EVENING, April 7, the 56th annual meeting and dinner of The Holland Society takes place at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York. Participation is free to members; \$3.00 charge is made for guests.

The program begins with assembly at 6:00 p.m., with dinner thereafter in the Manhattan Room at 6:45. Business meeting, with election of officers and vote upon amendment proposed to the Constitution, follows in the Georgian Room at 8:15.

After the meeting, Captain Thomas B. Richey, U.S.N., is to speak on national defense and the Navy. Captain Richey is in charge of battleship construction at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Another feature is the presentation by Armand Denis, Belgian-born, Oxford-educated explorer and film producer, of the dramatic films which record an expedition to Burma made by himself and his wife, Leila Roosevelt.

### OFFICERS TO MEET

DATE FOR JOINT MEETING of the Trustees with the Vice-Presidents has been fixed at Thursday, May 15; the place to be selected by the incoming President.



## BRANCH MEETINGS

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Union County Branch, held at Plainfield, N. J., March 18, the following officers were elected: Walter H. Van Hoesen, to succeed Harold O. Voorhis, president, Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., vice-president, and George B. Wendell, secretary-treasurer. The 35 assembled members heard talks on Colonial life and times by Marion S. Ackerman and by Major Edward Van Winkle.

A meeting of the Essex County Branch was held at Maplewood, N. J., January 17. Officers elected were: William T. Van Atten, president, and Henry F. Schenck, secretary.

## SMOKER

A DINNER AND SMOKER, with full program of entertainment, attended by about 200 members and guests, was held at the Pennsylvania, January 27.

## HEIRLOOMS DISPLAY

EXHIBITION of early Dutch relics at Rockefeller Center planned by Trustee Fenton B. Türck, Jr., and sponsored by The Holland Society, proved so successful that it was continued until March 29, though originally expected to extend only through February. The preview and reception held for members and guests January 28 attracted a large attendance.

Among the exhibits was the Stuyvesant family Bible, printed in Holland in 1637, and now the property of Major Van Winkle. It was displayed among 244 other relics relating to life and times in old Nieuw Amsterdam, assembled from private and museum collections.

## GROTIUS COLLECTION

CARD INDEX of a notable collection placed on loan by the Society with Columbia University many years ago was recently received by the office as part of a W.P.A. project which also included the cataloguing of other books and papers of the Society, Walter M. Meserole of the Library Committee reported at the Trustees' meeting.

These rare and valuable books, many of which came originally to the Society from the late Robert B. Roosevelt, former Minister to The Netherlands, include 258 volumes in various editions of and commentaries upon, the work of Hugo Grotius, great Dutch jurist of the 17th century. There are 786 in all. They are catalogued as "The Holland Society Loan Collection" at the University, and have place in a separate alcove in its library.

The books went to Columbia in 1901 following an agreement reached by correspondence between the late Theodore M. Banta, Secretary of the Society, and President Seth Low of the university. The letters are published in the 1901 yearbook. In making the arrangements, each institution agreed to permit members of the other to make use of its library facilities.

## BURGHER GUARD

CAPTAIN RUFUS COLE VAN AKEN and members of the Burgher Guard assembled for a dinner and business meeting at the Collingwood, New York, March 31. A letter from President Wendell was read, and Treasurer Van Norden spoke to the group.



---

DE HALVE MAEN  
*Published Quarterly by*  
THE HOLLAND SOCIETY  
OF NEW YORK  
90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK



Organized in 1885 to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestry, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse; composed of descendants in the direct male line from the Presidents, Governors, Dutch Colonists in America before 1675.

Arthur R. Wendell, President, care of The Wheaton Corporation, Railway, N. J.; Frank H. Vodder, Secretary, 90 West Street, New York; Ottomar H. Van Norden, Treasurer, 1155 Park Avenue, New York City. DE HALVE MAEN is published under the direction of a committee consisting of Wilfred B. Calfee, Chairman, and Wilfred B. Sebring, Jr., Walter H. Van Hoosen, and Hugh G. Bergen. Edited by Richard H. Amerman.

---

HAIL AND FAREWELL

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees March 13, 1941:

William Turnbull Banta

North Arlington, N. J.

Gilbert Guion Brinckerhoff New York City

Frank Daniel Brower Brooklyn, N. Y.

Harvey Conover Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Irving Voorhees Demarest Metuchen, N. J.

George Bullard Schoonmaker

New York City

Oliver James Schoonmaker New York City

Halsted Billings Vander Pool

Locust Valley, N. Y.

Ralph Decker Van Duzer Newark, N. J.

Nelson Leeds Van Kleek New York City

William Rodman Van Loan

Stamford, Conn.

Walter Henry Van Winkle, Jr.

Maplewood, N. J.

Peter Van Dyke Voorhees Brooklyn, N. Y.

George Ellsworth Vreeland

South Orange, N. J.

Albert Leslie Wycoff, Jr. Rutherford, N. J.

Gerardus Hilles Wynkoop

Merrick, L. I., N. Y.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

Arthur D. Benson New York City  
Abram B. Hopper New York City  
David W. Ketcham Kew Gardens, N. Y.

## EDITORIAL

### "CLOSE UP, MEN. CLOSE UP!"

Every so often in American history these words have special meaning. Thus at critical moments they were heard in the march upon Trenton, at Lundy's Lane, Buena Vista, in the Wilderness Campaign, and in the Argonne. They are coming to have that meaning now.

But they possess significance in more than a military sense in these somber times, when the lights of liberty for the moment have been extinguished in so great a part of the world.

They carry the message to rally and to close up the ranks around standards which represent the American way of life.

Of no small service toward the accomplishment of this end is the part played by historical and patriotic societies which keep alive and glowing the rich heritage of the past.

The Society itself typifies the time-tried democratic process because its members are living representatives of those who developed that way of life. Vigorous loyalty to its ideals, therefore, is necessary in order that it may carry on their rugged and indomitable qualities.

Members can help by lending full support to the activities of the Society, by making effort wherever possible to bring in new members, and by augmenting through word and deed its place in the community.

---

Edward Y. Le Fevre	Monticello, N. Y.
Henry M. O'Bleness	New York City
Edwin H. Rushmore	New York City
Clarence M. Tappen	Nutley, N. J.
Willis Van Devanter	Washington, D. C.
William Van Devanter	Passaic, N. J.
Frederick Van Wyck	New York City
Herbert M. Waldron	New Brunswick, N. J.



## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has  
made the following  
acquisitions recently:

By gift and exchange:

From Mrs. Gertrude A. Barber: *Abstracts of Wills, Delaware County, N. Y., 1797-1833; Abstracts of Wills, Oneida County, N. Y., 1798-1839; Index of Wills, Oneida County, N. Y., 1840-1859.*

From California State Society, Sons of the Revolution: *The Bulletin*, Vols. XIX and XX, July, 1940—March, 1941.

From The Public Library, Detroit, Michigan: *75th Annual Report, 1939-1940*, of Detroit Library Commission.

From the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine*, Vol. IV, December, 1940—February, 1941.

From Historical Records Survey, Works Progress Administration: *Transcriptions of Early County Records of New York State: Minutes of the Board of Supervisors of Ulster Co., 1710/1 to 1730/1; Records of the Road Commissioners of Ulster Co.*, Vols. I and II, 1722-1795. *Inventory of the County Archives of New York State (Exclusive of the Five Counties of New York City)*, No. 1, Albany County (Albany), No. 51, Ulster County, Part II. *Inventory of the Church Archives in New York City: The Protestant Episcopal Church—Diocese of Long Island*, Vol. 2.

From the State Historical Society of Iowa: *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, Vol. XXXIX, No. 1, January, 1941. *The Palimpsest*, Vol. XXII, Nos. 1 and 2.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: *The Register Index and List of Contents to Vol. 38*, Vol. 39, No. 1, January, 1941.

From The Long Island Historical Society: *Quarterly*, January, 1941.

From Michigan Historical Commission: *Michigan History Magazine*, Winter Number, 1941.

From Minnesota Historical Quarterly: *Minnesota History*, December, 1940.

From Royal Netherlands Legation: *1930 Handbook of the Netherlands East-Indies. Holland's House & Peter Bricklayer* (1939). *Holland—A History of Freedom*, by The Minister of The Netherlands (Dr. Alexander Loudon). *The Fine Days of Holland*, by Jonkheer F. Beelaers van Blotkland, Vice-President of the Council of State, former Foreign Minister. *The Netherlands Indies—A Magazine*.

From Arthur R. Wendell: *Wendell Family*<sup>2</sup>  
Edited by Alexander Du Bin (1939).

From Genealogical Society of New Jersey: *Genealogical Magazine*, October, 1939, January, 1940.

From New Jersey Historical Society: *Proceedings*, January, 1941.

From New York Genealogical and Biographical Society: *Record*, January, 1941.

From The New York Historical Society: *Quarterly Bulletin*, January, 1941.

From New York State Historical Association: *New York History*, January, 1941. *Bulletin*, November, 1940—February, 1941.

From Historical Society of Pennsylvania: *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, January, 1941.

From State Library and Museum, Harrisburg, Pa.: *Pennsylvania Archives—5th Series, Vols. I through VIII; 6th Series, Vols. I through XV; 7th Series, Vols. I through V; 8th Series, Vols. I through VIII; 9th Series, Vols. I through X*.

From John S. Wurts: *Magna Charta, Part I—The Romance of The Great Charter*, Second Edition, by John S. Wurts.

From The Wyckoff Association in America: *The Wyckoff Family Bulletin*, February, 1941.

From the Archivist of the United States: *First Annual Report as to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, 1939-1940*.

From J. Wilson Poucher, M.D.: *Year Book of the Dutchess County Historical Society*, Vol. 25, 1940.

From Mrs. Lila James Roney: *A Direct Line of the Roosa Family of Ulster County, New York* (1941).

From St. George's Society of New York: *Annual Report for 1941*.

From The Staten Island Historical Society: *The Staten Island Historian*, January-March, 1941.

From Isaac H. Vrooman, Jr.: *A Boer Flag*.

By purchase:

Woodruff's *History of Hillside, N. J.*

*Minutes of the Court of Sessions (1657-1690)*, Westchester Co., N. Y., Edited by Dixon Ryan Fox.

*Poundridge, Westchester County, N. Y. Gravestone Records*, Compiled by Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan and Mrs. Frank W. Seth.

*O'Callaghan's Calendar of Historical Manuscripts, Part II* (1866).





## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

JULY 1, 1941

### THE VANS HAVE IT

MESSRS. WILLIAM VAN WYCK, William T. Van Alstyne, and Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., are hailed as our new President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively, elected at the Annual Meeting April 7, 1941. To Messrs. Arthur Wendell, Ottomar Van Norden, and Frank Vedder, the retiring officers, is extended the profound gratitude of the Society at large for their devoted and constructive services.

The meeting, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, was attended by 181 members and guests. Of the members present, New York County supplied 26, Kings 20, Queens 14, Union 14, Nassau 13, Bergen 11, Monmouth 11, Essex 10. There is room here for some interesting competition at future affairs. The Burgher Guard turned out 31 strong, resplendent, resourceful, and rectitudinous as ever.

An informal dinner preceded the business session, which was followed with an address by Captain Thomas B. Richey, U.S.N., in charge of production at Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the presentation by Mr. Armand

Denis, explorer and film producer, of the extraordinary motion picture record of his recent Burmese expedition undertaken with his wife, Leila Roosevelt.

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a supplementary class of Trustees automatically embracing past presidents of the Society failed of adoption. However, at the ensuing Trustees' meeting, June 12, 1941, Messrs. C. L. Schenck, J. deC. Van Etten, and A. R. Wendell, were re-elected to trusteeship to supply vacancies.

The office of the Society at 90 West Street, New York City, will not be open Saturdays during July and will be closed for vacation throughout the month of August.

### STAG BANQUET

THE TRUSTEES have decreed, following consultation with the vice-presidents at the joint meeting at the Metropolitan Club in New York May 15, 1941, that the next Annual Banquet, slated for November 13, 1941, shall be without benefit of the presence of ladies.



## BRANCH NOTES

*Long Island.*: With traditional gourmandish gusto, sixteen members and guests disposed of the annual dinner at the Garden City Hotel April 28, 1941, and incidentally elected H. G. Bergen, Pres.; H. E. Ditmars, V.-P. for Kings Co.; D. K. Vanneman, V.-P. for Queens Co.; S. J. Bergen, V.-P. for Suffolk Co.; W. R. Lott, Treas.; and A. L. Lott, Secy., for the ensuing year.

*Middlesex Co., N. J.*: R. K. Hoagland was elected President; Rev. O. M. Voorhees, V.-P.; and C. I. Voorhees, Secy.-Treas., at a dinner meeting held at the Roger Smith Hotel in New Brunswick May 22, 1941. Members local and visiting enjoyed motion pictures presented by cameraman Hoagland.

*Richmond Co., N. Y.*: Staten Islanders rallied at the home of Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout in Great Kills May 26, 1941 with the determination to build membership in that area under the leadership of Mr. Haughwout, Pres.; L. C. Van Name, V.-P.; J. S. De Lamater, Secy.; C. F. Freeland, membership chmn.; and H. C. Van Name, Treas.

*Albany, Co., N. Y.*: has named G. W. Van Slyke to succeed the late Foster Pruyn as President of the branch, and the Trustees have confirmed his election as Vice-President of the Society.

*Ulster Co., N. Y.*: brought together twenty-five members under the presidency of Mr. M. L. DuBois at dinner in Kingston June 16, 1941, with Judge G. D. B. Hasbrouck making the principal address. The annual meeting, to be held in November, is to take the form of a membership drive.

*Union County, N. J.*: picnicked some sixty strong in Echo Lake Park June 20, 1941 causing a flurry in the local market for aspirin, salts, and liniment. The third soiree of the kind, survivors pronounced it the best ever. Incidentally, our burly secretary, Van Buren, captured the Burley Trophy for athletic achievement (apart from elbow bending).

*Essex Co., N. J.*: will stage a bang-up outing at Shongum Club, Dover, September 10, 1941; you're invited.

*Monmouth Co., N. J.*: has us all booked for a beach-bake (something more than a suntan) September 20, 1941. Don't miss these future events!

## "LET US RUN THE RACE"

*Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith.*

Heb. 12: 1 & 2a

Upon that profound scriptural admonition, our Domine, the Reverend Ernest R. Palen, predicted his effective sermon at the First Memorial Church Service of the Society, at the Middle Collegiate Church, Second Avenue and Seventh Street, New York City, the afternoon of Sunday, April 27, 1941, in the presence of some 130 officers and members of the Society and an additional company of parishioners and guests. Citing the easy way of life and the pursuit of material comfort and so-called security by which France met her Nemesis as acknowledged in Petain's requiem: 'Our spirit of enjoyment was stronger than our spirit of sacrifice,' he declared:

"We must change our plans if our country is to survive and our civilization remain secure. Life is a race . . . we must run it. To run that race . . . we must strip ourselves of selfishness, of all inordinate desire for material comfort, security, and wealth. We must run our race with patience and serenity of mind, amidst the tribulations that come our way. Our goal must be the Kingdom of God on earth. Our eyes must be fixed upon our great leader

*(Continued on last page)*



---

DE HALVE MAEN  
*Published Quarterly by*  
THE HOLLAND SOCIETY  
OF NEW YORK  
90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK



Organized in 1885 to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

William Van Wyck, President, 270 Park Avenue, New York City; Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., Secretary, 90 West Street, New York City; William T. Van Alstyne, Treasurer, 31 Nassau Street, New York City.

DE HALVE MAEN is published under the direction of the Committee on Press and Publications, Harold O. Voorhls, chairman.

---

#### PREPAREDNESS

WE ARE IN THE THROES of an "unlimited national emergency" according to presidential proclamation. The mobilization of men and materials is but a part of the essential defensive effort. Each individual citizen has his own problem of preparedness. Every organization must likewise be girded against all too possible trouble ahead. Particularly must we defend those institutions that buttress our strength as a nation. Never before have the avowed purposes of this Society called more urgently for strong reaffirmation and full realization. There is no greater need of the day than a resurgence of that spirit of broad patriotism with which our forebears set this nation in the way of greatness. We can best glorify our ancestral Dutch virtues by sedulous emulation.

That the Society is sensible of these truths is indicated in the turn-out and the temper of both general meetings and branch activities.

#### AVE ATQUE VALE

The Society welcomes the following elected to membership June 12, 1941:

Roberts Wyckoff Brokaw Newark, N. J.  
Charles Frederic Du Bois New York City  
Stanley Hasbrouck New Paltz, N. Y.  
Frederick Lewis Hyer Scotch Plains, N. J.  
Paul Rogers Jansen Bergenfield, N. J.  
Frederick Clarence Ketcham

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Irving Browne Lydecker White Plains, N. Y.  
George Lincoln Teller Riverside, Illinois  
Jacob Henry Van Aernam Albany, N. Y.  
William Teunis Van Atten, Jr.

East Orange, N. J.

John Francis Van Deventer Passaic, N. J.  
Albert Thompson Van Loan

Noroton, Conn.

Wallace Kenneth Van Ness Ridgewood, N. J.

Oze Van Wyck San Francisco, Calif.  
Samuel Barent Van Wyck New York City  
Daniel Woodbury Wynkoop

Merrick, L. I., N. Y.

William I. Zabriskie Nyack, N. Y.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have recently passed away:

Robert Walton Goelet New York City  
Foster Pruyn Albany, N. Y.  
Stephen G. Van Hoesen Fanwood, N. J.

---

The Membership Committee, under Mr. Richard Schermerhorn, Jr., has enlisted a company of auxiliary committeemen for the systematic canvass of a considerable list of persons who may be eligible for membership. A convenient short form to establish eligibility has been devised. *The Trustees have temporarily waived the admission (initiation) fee for new members under thirty years of age.* A handbook of the present membership has recently been published. A revised count shows 821 names on the active list, each of whom is hereby summoned to special service in this preparedness effort of bolstering our membership strength at this critical time.



## "LET US RUN THE RACE"

(Continued from page 2)

Christ, the Redeemer of men. . . . The way to security in life, the way to the peace for which we all yearn is the way of Jesus: the way of love for God; the way of Jesus: the way of love for man. We must be ready to run that race with all singleness of mind and of heart. As we fix our way of life upon the beam of the life of Christ our governments become secure, our society and our civilization become safe."

Assisting at the service was the Reverend Dr. Cornelius B. Muste. The names of thirty-four members, deceased during the year, were read. The service of Burgher Guardsmen as color bearers and ushers added to the dignity and impressive character of the occasion.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

### By purchase:

*The Van Heuse Family*—Eight page pamphlet privately printed.

*A Sketch of the Life of Rev. Daniel Dana Tappan with an account of the Tappan Family*—prepared by his children (1890).

*James Mott of Dutchess County, N. Y. and His Descendants*, by Edward D. Harris.

*The Descendants of Adam Mott of Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.*, by Edward D. Harris (1936).

*The Knickerbocker or Knickerbocker Family*, by George C. Martin from MSS. notes by Mrs. Alfred H. Massey (1912).

*The Bunker or Bunker Families*, compiled by Howard J. Bunker (1909).

*History of the Kuykendall Family*, by G. B. Kuykendall, M. D. (1919).

### By gift and exchange:

From Algemeen Nederlandsch Verbond: *Nederlandia*, January-April, 1941.

From The National Archives: *Sixth Annual Report of the Archivist of the United States, 1939-1940*.

From Mrs. Gertrude A. Barber: *Simonson Bible Records; Abstracts of Wills of Delaware*

*County, N. Y.*, August 30, 1847 to February 3, 1864, Vols. 3 and 4 (1941).

Marriages taken from the *New York Evening Post*, September 11-1879 to December 31-1883, Vol. 22 (1938).

From Historical Society of Delaware: *Reports of the President, Librarian and Treasurer for 1940*.

From the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine*, Vol. 4, March-May, 1941.

From The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick: *150th Anniversary Dinner*, March 16, 1940.

From The State Historical Society of Iowa: *The Palimpsest*, Vol. XXII, Nos. 3, 4 and 5; *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, Vol. XXXIX, No. 2, April, 1941.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: *The Register*, April, 1941.

From Knapp Family Association of America: *Bulletin*, April, 1941.

From The Long Island Historical Society: *Quarterly*, April, 1941.

From Maatschappij der Nederlandse Letterkunde: *Year Book*, 1939-40.

From Michigan Historical Commission: *Michigan History Magazine*, Vol. 25, No. 2.

From Minnesota Historical Society: *Minnesota History*, March, 1941, and Index to Vol. XXI, 1940.

From Royal Netherlands Legation: *The Realm of Dream Islands*, by the Minister of The Netherlands and *The Netherlands West Indies, Curacao and Surinam*, by John K Wright.

From New Jersey Historical Society: *Proceedings*, April, 1941.

From New York Genealogical and Biographical Society: *Record*, April, 1941.

From The New-York Historical Society: *Quarterly Bulletin*, April, 1941.

From New York State Historical Association: *New York History*, April, 1941; *Bulletin*, May, 1941.

From Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio: *Annual Report*, 1940.

Other books received will be noted in the next issue.

## WITHOUT PREJUDICE

MEMBERS are advised that the American Biographical Company, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, soliciting patronage of a projected publication, "Hollanders Who Helped Build America," is in no way connected with The Holland Society of New York and has received from the Society no official authorization or endorsement of any character.





## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

NOVEMBER 1, 1941

### TRUSTEES' MEETING

THE EIGHTEEN CANDIDATES who qualified for membership by vote of the Trustees at the quarterly meeting held at the Metropolitan Club, October 9, represent the largest number elected at an October meeting in many years.

With the reinstatement of five former members, the Society roster now numbers 836.

Domine Palen reported that the annual church service would be held the first Sunday in March.

### CALENDAR NOTE

The annual meeting of the Society convenes on Monday, April 6, 1942—a date to be circled on the calendar and kept in mind in order to assure a record attendance, and to avoid any conflicting engagements. Details will appear in a later issue.

### LUNCHEON SESSIONS

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Congenial gentlemen members of Holland descent—cast convene weekly in conclave convivial for luncheon colloquy, cozy, congenial and comprehensive. Company of newcomers requested. Time: Thursdays, at 1:00 P.M. Place: Sazarac's, 112 Greenwich Street, Manhattan. Tariff: 60 cents and up.

### BANQUET DATE NOV. 13

THE 57TH ANNUAL BANQUET of The Holland Society takes place at the Plaza, New York, Thursday evening, November 13. Energetic preparation by the committee in charge, under Chairman Frederick I. Bergen, assures a delightful evening which, be it noted, only the men are to attend this year.

William Lyon Phelps, illustrious educator and writer, who holds more than a dozen honorary degrees and is Director of the Hall of Fame at New York University, is to receive the gold medal and diploma of the Society, for eminence in literature. A sparkling display of the keen wit and humor, for which Dr. Phelps is famous, is anticipated in his acceptance.

The program, strictly timed for convenience of out-of-town guests, includes an address on "Passive Resistance in Holland," by Adriaan J. Barnouw, native of Amsterdam and Queen Wilhelmina Professor of Netherlands History, Language and Literature at Columbia University. Another notable address is that of Dr. Alexander Loudon, Netherlands minister to the United States, whose outstanding speech last year members recall with pleasure.



## BRANCH MEETINGS

*Dutchess County:* The 52nd anniversary dinner of Dutchess Branch was held in the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie, October 3. Fifty-five members and guests attended. Copious libations of the fabulous Poucher's Punch (recipe below) and succulent *hutspot* were gastronomic highlights. Franklyn J. Poucher and Dr. John H. Dingman were re-elected President and Secretary of the Branch.

*Monmouth County:* Two score stalwarts responded to the annual call for an outing at Seidler's Beach, September 20. The sun shone benignly on an afternoon program of sports. The Ackersons, pere et fils, hosted and all hoisted with customary zeal and cordiality. Watch for the date next year!

*Essex County:* Some twenty-five of the faithful participated with President Van Atten and Essex members in the first annual outing of the Branch, at Shongum Fishing Club near Dover, September 10. A program of aquatic events, coupled with less strenuous but no less exhilarating social festivities, made it a most enjoyable party. A delectable steak dinner at the clubhouse topped off the proceedings.

## POUCHER'S PUNCH

FOR FIFTY-TWO YEARS, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher has inspired the celebrated annual meetings of the Dutchess County Branch with a potion fashioned by his own hands and dedicated solely to these occasions, consisting of equal parts of rye whiskey, gin, sparkling Burgundy, orange juice and loganberry juice. We wish to advise that if the first batch should seem to novitiate a trifle too potent, the second batch can run more strongly to the juices. The need of a third batch on any given occasion history recordeth not.

## SCHENCK HOMESTEAD

THE SCHENCK HOMESTEAD has been saved from demolition by the city authorities and the house, a colonial landmark in Highland Park, Brooklyn, is to be restored as a monument of old Dutch architecture, Walter M. Meserole of the Library Committee reported at the Trustees' meeting.

This dwelling, described in Vol. II, page 57, of the Society's books on pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses, was built about 1760. Occupied for well over a century by the Schenck family, it was sold to the city in 1906. Since then it has been used by the Park Department.

The Department recently proposed to raze the ancient stone structure, with its distinctive four chimneys and steep gambrel roof. When word of the plan became known, sixteen civic and historical organizations, among them the Society, opposed it. Their position was explained to the Board of Estimate at a hearing held June 19, which Mr. Meserole attended. By a vote of 13 to 3 the Board rejected the proposal, and decided to maintain the house as a historic shrine.

## COPYRIGHT FILED

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS relating to copyright protection for the second of the Society's monumental two volumes on pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses were received and filed at the office early in the year. Sale of Volume II, which appeared in 1936, is continuing; Volume I, published in 1929 and soon sold out, is now a collector's prize and is extremely difficult to procure.



DE HALVE MAEN  
Published Quarterly by  
THE HOLLAND SOCIETY  
OF NEW YORK  
90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK



Organized in 1885 to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to keep alive and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

William Van Wyck, President, 270 Park Avenue, New York City; Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., Secretary, 90 West Street, New York City; William T. Van Alstyne, Treasurer, 31 Nassau Street, New York City.

DE HALVE MAEN is published under the direction of the Committee on Press and Publications, Harold O. Voorhis, chairman, and edited by Richard H. Amerman.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF

NEW YORK welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees October 9, 1941 (names of proposer and seconder noted in that order):

Harold Boynton Bergen New York City  
(*H. O. Voorhis; J. R. Van Brunt*)  
John Albert Bogart Harrison, N. Y.  
(*W. J. Hoysradt; F. Hogeboom*)  
James I. Bruyn Sunnyside, N. Y.  
(*C. C. Lowe; R. C. Van Aken*)  
Louis Williamson Conover Forest Hills, N. Y.  
(*T. E. Van Winkle; W. M. Mecerole*)

William Miller Conover West Orange, N. J.  
(*R. W. DeGroot; R. J. DeGroot*)  
Samuel Sloan Duryea Garrison, N. Y.  
(*W. R. Bogert; H. Deyo*)  
Theodore Augustin Heyer Oak Park, Ill.  
(*By non-members*)

John McArthur Hoysradt Palisades, N. Y.  
(*W. J. Hoysradt; J. Garretson*)  
Lloyd Ralph Le Fever Kingston, N. Y.  
(*C. LeFever; R. C. Van Aken*)  
James Harmon Lott New York City  
(*H. O. Voorhis; F. Hogeboom*)  
John Walden Myer Oyster Bay, N. Y.  
(*C. L. Schenck; W. M. Mecerole*)

Philip Bertine Pinckney Elmhurst, N. Y.  
(*J. H. Pinckney; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)  
William Harper Suydam, Jr. Glen Ridge, N. J.  
(*C. L. Schenck; R. Schermerhorn, Jr.*)  
Albert Ackerman Van Blarcom Paterson, N. J.  
(*R. J. DeGroot; R. W. DeGroot*)  
Wilson Cline Van Duzer Middletown, N. Y.  
(*R. D. Van Duzer; T. E. Van Winkle*)

BURGHER GUARD ELECTS

WITH PRESIDENT WILLIAM

VAN WYCK as guest of honor, Burgher Guardsmen held their annual meeting and election of officers in an atmosphere of joviality and great good will at the Collingwood, New York, October 15. Captain Rufus Cole Van Aken presided, and 34 Guardsmen of the present active roster of 41 attended.

Applications to fill the nine membership vacancies are being received. A revised edition of *Who's Who in the Burgher Guard*, bringing up to date the 28-page brochure issued last year, Captain Van Aken announced would appear during the fall.

The following were unanimously elected (the captaincy being appointive):

Lieutenants: Cornelius Acker-  
son, Hugh G. Bergen, T. Morris  
Van der Veer and John W. Van  
Siclen.

Adjutant: John H. Brincker-  
hoff.

Quartermaster Sergeants: Ri-  
chard H. Amerman, Harrison  
Deyo, Philip R. Deyo, and  
Gerardus H. Wynkoop.

Stephen Fritts Van Hoesen Fanwood, N. J.  
(*W. H. Van Hoesen; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)  
Brown Van Voorhees Greenwich, Conn.  
(*E. Van Brunt; A. H. Van Brunt*)  
Edgar Thomas Van Winckel Millburn, N. J.  
(*T. E. Van Winkle; H. Deyo*)

The sincere sorrow of the So-  
ciety is expressed in recording  
these names of members who  
have died recently:

LOUIS F. BISHOP New York City  
JOHN S. DE LAMATER Staten Island, N. Y.  
PHILIP ELTING Kingston, N. Y.  
EUGENE W. LANSING Billings, Montana  
JOHN MARSELLUS Syracuse, N. Y.  
WILLIAM H. SUYDAM Brooklyn, N. Y.  
CHARLES H. VAN BUREN Englewood, N. J.  
HARMAN B. VANDERHOEF Greenwich, Conn.  
JACOB B. VANDEVER Kew Gardens, N. Y.



## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

### By gift and exchange:

From Algemeen Nederlandsch Verbond: *Nederlandia*, May, 1941.

From American Historical Association: *Annual Report*, 1936, Vol. II.

From American Merchant Marine Library Association: *Three Holland Society Year Books*.

From California State Society, Sons of the Revolution: *The Bulletin*, Vol. XX, No. 2, April, May, June, 1941.

From Collegiate Reformed Church: *Year Book*, 1941.

From The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine*, June, 1941.

From Francis Burton Harrison: *The Harrison of Skimino* (1910).

From The State Historical Society of Iowa: *The Palimpsest*, Vol. XXII, Nos. 6-9; *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, July, 1941.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: *The Register*, July, 1941.

From Knapp Family Association of America: *Bulletin*, October, 1941.

From Robert Le Roy: *Le Roy Family and Collateral Lines*, edited by Alexander Du Bin (1941).

From The Long Island Historical Society: *Quarterly*, July, 1941.

From Lester Dunbar Mapes: *Vanderveer Genealogy*.

From Maatschappij tot nut van 't Algemeen: *Nutswerk*, April, 1941.

From Michigan Historical Commission: *Michigan History Magazine*, Autumn Number, 1941.

From Minnesota Historical Society: *Minnesota History*, June-September, 1941.

From The National Genealogist: *Magazine, The National Genealogist*, Spring, 1941.

From Genealogical Society of New Jersey: *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*: April, 1940, and Index of Names and Subjects in Vol. 14.

From New Jersey Historical Society: *Proceedings*, July-October, 1941.

From New York Genealogical and Biographical Society: *Record*, July, 1941.

From The New York Historical Society: *Quarterly Bulletin*, July, 1941. "Save the Aquarium Building", Radio Address given by Mr. A. J. Wall, 1941. *Collections* for the years 1939 and 1940.

From New York State Historical Association: *New York History*, July-October, 1941. *Bulletin*, August, 1941.

From Rotary Club of New York: *Memorial to Edwin Haff Rushmore, 1881-1941*.

From The Historical Society of Pennsylvania: *A History of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania*, by Hampton L. Carson, 2 Vols. (1940); *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, April, 1941; *id.*, July, 1941.

From Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York: *Reports and Proceedings* July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941.

From The Staten Island Historical Society: *Staten Island Historian*, April-June, July-September, 1941.

From Francis J. N. Tallman: *Old Nyack*, published by Nyack National Bank (1928).

From Union Club: *1941 Year Book*.

From Dr. Douglas Vander Hoof: *Two Old Maps Depicting Certain Portions of the Netherland Countries*.

From Historical Records Survey, Works Progress Administration: *Inventory of the Church Archives in New York City: The Lutherans, The Methodist Church, The Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of New York*, Vol. 2. *Inventory of the Church Archives in New York City: Eastern Orthodox Churches and Armenians, Apostolic Church* (1940). *Inventory of the Church Archives of New York State (Exclusive of New York City): Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Rochester. Town Minutes of Newtown, Queens County, N. Y., 1653-1734*, Vol. 2, Parts 1 and 2. *Guide to Manuscript Depositories in New York City*.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .** The name "Holland" in old English, as in Dutch, is a common noun meaning hollow or marshy land, the fen country in southern Lincolnshire being known for centuries as "the holland" . . . Henry Hudson was an Englishman and sailed the *Half Moon* under contract to the Dutch East India Company . . . The proper collective name for Dutch colonial settlements is New Netherland (not New Netherlands) because there was but one such section, whereas the mother country consists of several provinces and so is spelled in the plural . . . Instances of tautology: *Wallabout Bay*, since *Wallabout* by itself means *Walloon Bay*; *Manhattan Island*, because in the Indian tongue "Manhatanis" meant islanders . . . *Block Island* was named for Adrian Block, Dutch navigator; his designation of the East River as "Hellegat" has since come to mean the point where the river merges with Long Island Sound . . . *Cape May* took its name from the Dutch sailor, Cornelius May; *Cape Henlopen* from a Friesland town of that name.





## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

JANUARY 1, 1942

### CHURCH SERVICE

THE SECOND ANNUAL memorial church service of The Holland Society, which Domine Ernest R. Palen will conduct, takes place at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 1, at Middle Collegiate Church, Second Avenue and Seventh Street, New York, according to arrangements approved by the Trustees.

Members of the Society and their friends are cordially invited to attend. Burgher Guardsmen will present the National and Society Colors at the ceremony. Last year's service was attended by 132 officers and members.

### ANNUAL BANQUET

WITH TRADITIONAL CEREMONIAL and a distinguished group of speakers, the 57th annual banquet of The Holland Society provided an outstanding event shared by 252 members and guests. It was held at The Plaza, New York, November 13.

William Lyon Phelps, professor emeritus of Yale University and Director of New York University's Hall of Fame, received the gold medal and diploma of the Society, for eminence in literature. Dr. Phelps added the audience to his friends with the charm and spontaneity of his acceptance address.

(Continued on Page 2)

### WHITE HOUSE LETTER

FROM THE WHITE HOUSE  
in Washington, the Secretary  
has received the following com-  
munication:

The White House  
Washington  
December 16, 1941

My dear Mr. Van Buren:

The President asks me to ex-  
press his deepest thanks for your  
letter embodying the resolution  
adopted by The Holland Society  
of New York. It gives him real  
strength and courage in carrying  
out the will of the American  
people to receive such spontane-  
ous and wholehearted pledges of  
support, and he will be obliged  
if you will tell the Board of  
Trustees of his appreciation and  
personal gratification over this  
genuine expression of loyalty.

Very sincerely yours,  
(Signed) M. H. McIntyre  
Secretary to the President

This letter came in reply to that  
of Secretary Van Buren which,  
dated December 15, expressed  
the resolution passed by the  
Trustees shortly after the decla-  
ration of war, as follows:

Resolved, that the Board of  
Trustees of The Holland Society  
of New York extend to Honorable  
Franklin D. Roosevelt, the  
President of the United States,  
a member and former Trustee of  
this Society, the loyal support of  
this Society in the conduct of the  
War which has been forced upon  
this country.



## TRUSTEES' MEETING

FOLLOWING PRECEDENT established in World War I, the Trustees voted to suspend the dues of members serving with the armed forces of the country during the present conflict, at the quarterly meeting held at Metropolitan Club, December 11.

The "Frolic," an annual event of the Society that had been set for January 26, they decided to dispense with because of the war.

An important addition to membership followed their favorable vote upon the names of seventeen candidates obtained largely through the efforts of the Membership Committee, Richard Schermerhorn, Jr., Chairman, and Walter M. Meserole, Vice Chairman.

This is the largest number a December meeting of the Board has qualified since 1934.

William T. Van Atten of East Orange, N. J., President of the Essex County Branch, was elected a Trustee, replacing William G. DeWitt, resigned.

The Trustees elected a Nominating Committee, consisting of Arthur R. Wendell, Chairman, Francklyn Hogeboom, Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., John V. D. Cornell, and Thomas E. Van Winkle.

## WESTCHESTER TO DINE

ON FRIDAY EVENING, February 27, Westchester Branch is to have a dinner at Hotel Gramatan, Bronxville, N. Y. Warren J. Hoysradt, President, heartily invites all officers, trustees and members of the Society to attend. Details are available upon inquiry at the office.

Present plans contemplate entertainment by the President's son, John Hoysradt, internationally noted for his witty satires of prominent personalities.

## ANNUAL BANQUET

(Continued from Page 1)

He expressed admiration for Henry Ford, 1941 medalist, and for the Netherlands as a nation with a glorious history in the struggle for individual freedom.

The address presenting Dr. Phelps to President Van Wyck for the investiture was delivered by Rufus Cole Van Aken.

Dr. Alexander Loudon, Netherlands Minister to the United States, in responding to the toast to Her Majesty, Queen Wilhelmina, told of continued resolute resistance by his countrymen that has baffled their Nazi oppressors. The great Dutch sentiment for America and especially for the words of President Roosevelt, he said, were lending inspiration and strength to carry on.

A remarkable figure of speech made memorable the address of Dr. Adriaan J. Barnouw. The German nation under Hitler has become an ant hill, the Columbia University professor said, and Germans no longer self-willing human beings, but toiling insects ready to obey signals from the central brain, as in the insect world. The Nazi attempt to transform Netherlanders into an ant hill has failed, because their heritage of freedom developed a state of mind independent of outward circumstance.

Facts since compiled by Mr. Van Aken show that the ratio of banqueteers to the total Society membership was 30%, as compared to 25% twenty years ago.

To the energy and skill of the Banquet Committee, under Chairman Frederick I. Bergen and Vice-Chairman Francklyn Hogeboom, appreciation is due for the flawless performance of their duties that made the dinner both enjoyable and successful.



## DE HALVE MAEN

*Published Quarterly by*

## THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK



Organized in 1885 to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse; composed of descendants in the direct male line from

residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

William Van Wyck, President, 270 Park Avenue, New York City; Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., Secretary, 90 West Street, New York City; William T. Van Alstyne, Treasurer, 31 Nassau Street, New York City.

DE HALVE MAEN is published under the direction of a Committee on Press and Publications, Harold A. Voorhis, chairman, and edited by Richard H. Amerman.

## HAIL AND FAREWELL

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees December 11, 1941 (names of proposer and seconder noted in that order):

Richard Ackerman West Englewood, N. J.  
(*F. A. Lydecker; J. L. Conover*)

Edward Vander Veer Amerman Highland Park, N. J.  
(*F. A. Lydecker; W. M. Meserole*)

Donald Thomas Banta Nutley, N. J.  
(*W. M. Meserole; F. Hogeboom*)

George Elmore Bergen Queens Village, N. Y.  
(*G. W. Van Slichten W. S. Rapetje*)

Robert Ludlum Bergen Hempstead, N. Y.  
(*J. H. Brinckerhoff; F. L. Wyckoff*)

Clarence Raymond Britten Maplewood, N. J.  
(*T. E. Van Winkle; W. M. Meserole*)

Edwin Franklin Britten, Jr. Short Hills, N. J.  
(*T. E. Van Winkle; W. M. Meserole*)

William Rutgers Britton East Orange, N. J.  
(*T. E. Van Winkle; W. M. Meserole*)

Alfred Livingston Conover East Orange, N. J.  
(*F. A. Lydecker; J. L. Conover*)

Garret L. Demarest Brooklyn, N. Y.  
(*C. L. Schenck; John C. Lowe*)

William S. Eltinge Kingston, N. Y.  
(*Rev. E. R. Palen; F. Hogeboom*)

Howard Andrews Poillon New York City  
(*A. Poillon; W. R. Bogert*)

George Munro Schurman Bedford Hills, N. Y.  
(*W. Van Wyck; F. Hogeboom*)

Harold H. Titus Wallkill, N. Y.  
(*M. J. De Witt; W. M. Meserole*)

Milton T. Vander Veer West Orange, N. J.  
(*D. K. Vanneman; W. M. Meserole*)

Charles Adams Van Patten New York City  
(*W. R. Bogert; P. V. D. Voorhis*)

Willard Hermance van Woert New York City  
(*H. O. Voorhis; F. Hogeboom*)

## GUARD DOINGS

THE BURGHER GUARD now numbers 56 men in its muster roll, with 45 active and 11 associate members, representing an accession of four since October, Captain Rufus Cole Van Aken announced at the Trustees' meeting.

The large proportion of Guardsmen at the banquet, accounting for 21 percent of all members present, he said, spoke well for the loyalty and initiative of the younger members of whom the Guard consists.

Ceremonies in which the Guard recently has participated and presented the National and Society Colors are the following:

November 23: Annual Thanksgiving Service for the Patriotic Societies of New York, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

November 13: Annual Banquet of the Society.

October 19: Parade and Massing of the Colors, St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York.

September 17: Constitution Day exercises, Sub-Treasury Building, New York.

## MONDAY, APRIL 6

ON THIS DATE the annual meeting takes place. Please reserve the evening, and plan to attend.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

ANTHONY J. BLEECKER Tenafly, N. J.

CHARLES DUSENBERRY, JR. Tuckahoe, N. Y.

BENJAMIN C. HORNECK Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

BENJAMIN F. LUYSER Atlantic Highlands, N. J.

CHARLES DE BEVOISE SCHENCK Englewood, N. J.

FRANK W. TERWILLIGER Highland, N. Y.

JOHN VANDERVEER West Islip, N. Y.

OLIVER P. VREELAND Jersey City, N. J.



## DOMINE PALEN HONORED

REV. ERNEST R. PALEN, Domine of The Holland Society, was selected as new President of the Clergy Association in October. He succeeds Rev. Dr. Samuel Trexler, President of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, who has served for the last nine years. The Association is representative of all denominations, and numbers more than 300 clergymen and laymen in its membership.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . The charter which the Netherlands States General granted to the Dutch West India Company in 1621 vested in this commercial enterprise virtually exclusive sovereignty in governing New Netherland . . . Staten Island was named in honor of the *Staaten*, or Netherlands States General . . . The Bronx River is so called from Jonas Bronck, a Dutch settler in the region now known as Westchester . . . Ossining is named after the Wappinger Indian village "Ossingsing" . . . Breuckelen (now Brooklyn) took its name from a village on the Amsterdam-Utrecht road . . . The name Yonkers derives from *Jonkheer*, an appellation of rank ("young lord") given to Adrian van der Donck, a landowner north of Spuyten Duyvil whose estate was known as "de Jonkheer's landt." . . . Importance of the beaver trade in Dutch colonial times is illustrated by the name, "Beverwyck," given to the settlement, adjacent to Fort Orange, which later became Albany . . . In the opinion of Charles Dudley Warner, "it is an undefined patent of nobility to trace descent from an old Knickerbocker family." . . . Cape Horn was named for the Dutch navigator, Schouten Van Horn . . . The chief executive of New Netherland was styled Director General . . . During the period of company rule there were six Directors: Cornelius Jacobsen May (1623-1624), William Verhulst (1624-1625), Peter Minuit (1626-1632), Wouter Van Twiller (1633-1637), William Kieft (1637-1647), and Peter Stuyvesant (1647-1664) . . . Following re-capture of New Netherland by the Dutch fleet

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

### By gift and exchange:

From American Historical Association: *Annual Report for the year 1939*.

From Miss Grace L. Brush: Typewritten copy of *Old Cemeteries in Delaware County, N. Y.* and of *The Huguenot Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida*.

From The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine*, August-September, 1941.

From The State Historical Society of Iowa: *The Palimpsest*, Vol. XXII, No. 10-11; Cumulative Index to Vols. I to X of *The Palimpsest*; *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, October, 1941.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: *The Register*, October, 1941.

From The Long Island Historical Society: *Quarterly*, October, 1941.

From The Netherland-America Foundation: *Monthly Letter*.

From The Netherlands Information Bureau: *Netherlands News*, Vol. 1; Vol. 2, Nos. 1 & 2; *The Netherlands East Indies—Holland Comes On*.

From New Jersey Historical Society: *New Jersey Archives*, First Series, Vol. XXXV, *Abstracts of Wills*, Vol. VI, 1781-1785.

From The Genealogical Society of New Jersey: *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, July, 1940.

From New York Genealogical and Biographical Society: *The Record*, October, 1941.

From New York Historical Society: *Quarterly Bulletin*: Index to Vol. XXV, and October, 1941 number.

From The Historical Society of Pennsylvania: *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, October, 1941.

From The Staten Island Historical Society: *The Staten Island Historian*, October-December, 1941.

From Rufus Cole Van Aken: *Autobiography with Letters*, autographed by the author, William Lyon Phelps.

From Samuel H. Wandell: *Oliver Phelps* — A Paper read before Annual Meeting of New York State Historical Association at Geneva, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1941.

From New York State Historical Association: *Bulletin*, November, 1941.

From California State Society Sons of the Revolution: *The Bulletin*, July, August, September, 1941.

### By purchase:

*Census of the Counties of Orange, Dutchess & Albany, 1702, 1714, 1720*, lithographically reproduced by Elijah Ellsworth Brownell, Philadelphia, Pa. (1941).

under Admiral Evertsen, Anthony Colve was governor (1673-1674) . . . To succeed him the States General appointed Joris Andringa, but the Treaty of Westminster (1674) ceded the area to the English before he took office . . .





## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

APRIL 1, 1942

### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

GRATIFYING RESPONSE to the request for biographical information circulated in February was reported to the Trustees' meeting by Rufus Cole Van Aken, Committee-of-One in charge of obtaining this data.

Those who have not already responded are urged to do so promptly, in order to make complete the Society's records as to biographical as well as genealogical detail.

### CHURCH SERVICE

BEFORE AN ATTENTIVE and numerous congregation, Domine Ernest R. Palen conducted the second annual memorial church service of The Holland Society in the Middle Collegiate Church, Second Avenue and Seventh Street, New York, March 1.

The Rev. Dr. Millard L. Robinson, Chaplain of the Sons of the Revolution, assisted in the service.

Members of the Burgher Guard attended and presented the National and Society Colors.

The Domine preached his sermon in part from the text (Psalm 127:1), "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it. Except the Lord keep

(Continued on Page 3)

### ANNUAL MEETING

NOTEWORTHY and promising an evening of rare enjoyment is the "family" program planned for the 57th annual meeting and dinner of The Holland Society at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, next Monday evening, April 6.

For each of the three principal speakers is a member of the Society and distinguished in his sphere of activity.

Seth Toby Cole of Catskill, N. Y., president of the National Tax Association, and member of many fraternal and legal organizations, speaks on "Historical and Genealogical Societies in the World Crisis." He was a delegate in the State Constitutional Convention in 1938, and was for 30 years deputy commissioner and counsel of the State Department of Taxation and Finance, having begun his career by winning the world's typewriting championship in 1904.

Firsthand information on the Far East is anticipated from J. B. B. Stryker, Lansdale, Pa., industrialist, former resident of Java and managing director of a Bandoeng plantation on that island where the Dutch have so valiantly fought. He was the first president of Lansdale's

(Continued on Page 2)



## "BOMBARDMENT" BONDS

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS of the Society's funds were voted to be invested in Government Bonds by the Trustees at their quarterly meeting held at Metropolitan Club, March 12.

Others measures passed concern the joint meeting of the Trustees with the Vice-Presidents, the place and time of which is the Metropolitan Club, Friday, May 15; and the issuance of a new membership directory which will be done following the annual meeting.

## BRANCH MEETINGS

*Essex:* Thomas E. Van Winkle and Henry F. Schenk are the incoming President and Secretary-Treasurer, by report from a Branch *soirée* held under the hospitable roof of the outgoing President, William T. Van Atten, in East Orange, N. J., February 11, with some 25 present.

*Union:* Four score and more famished fellows foregathered for the annual dinner held this year at the Wheatena mill, Rahway, N. J., March 16, with Arthur Wendell himself dishing out the vitamins. President Van Wyck headed the visiting delegation. Those elected were: Walter H. Van Hoesen, President; Frederick C. Hyer, Vice-President; George B. Wendell, Secretary-Treasurer.

*Ulster:* At a meeting held in the home of President Martin L. DuBois, New Paltz, N. Y., the following were elected officers of the branch for the coming year: Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr., President; A. J. Snyder, Vice-President; Myron S. Teller, Treasurer; and Jacob Elting, Secretary.

*Westchester:* The dinner which was to have been held at Hotel Gramatan, Bronxville, February 27, and which was postponed, will be held on Friday evening, May 29.

## PRIZES ESTABLISHED

UPON RECOMMENDATION by the Scholarship Committee, the Trustees have voted to establish book prizes in the Collegiate School, 241 West 77th Street, New York, for excellence in history.

Funds are to be provided yearly for this purpose, and two prizes established, one each for the upper and lower schools, the winners to be chosen by Headmaster Wilson Parkhill in consultation with the history faculty. The Headmaster and the Committee, consisting of Domine Ernest R. Palen and Trustees Wilfred B. Talman and Richard Schermerhorn, Jr., will select the books.

Founded by the Dutch in New Amsterdam, the School held its first classes in the fort because of the Indian menace. Adam Roe-lantsen, the colony's first (1638) licensed teacher, was then headmaster. The School has had continuous existence from that time to the present, save for several years when burned during the Revolution. It is now conducted for 150 boys.

## ANNUAL MEETING

*(Continued from Page 1)*

Chamber of Commerce, and was a director of the First National Bank of that city.

John Hoysradt is to entertain with his brilliant satires of leading personalities. Well known in the entertainment world here and abroad, the former Groton history instructor's performance is expected to provide a highlight of the program.

The evening's events begin with a reception in the Keystone Room at 6:00 P.M., followed by dinner at 6:45 in the Café Rouge, with music by Jimmy Dorsey, the business meeting and program taking place thereafter.



DE HALVE MAEN  
Published Quarterly by  
THE HOLLAND SOCIETY  
OF NEW YORK  
90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK



Organized in 1885 to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants a meeting place for social intercourse; composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

William Van Wyck, President, 270 Park Avenue, New York City; Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., Secretary, 90 West Street, New York City; William T. Van Alstyne, Treasurer, 31 Nassau Street, New York City.

DE HALVE MAEN is published under the direction of the Committee on Press and Publications, Harold O. Voorhis, chairman, and edited by Richard H. Amerman.

## HAIL AND FAREWELL

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK welcomes the following persons elected to membership March 12, 1942, by the Trustees (names of proposer and seconder noted in that order):

David Egnor Cole South Cairo, N. Y.  
(*Seth T. Cole; W. M. Meserole*)  
Alden de Hart Plainfield, N. J.  
(*H. O. Voorhis; W. M. Meserole*)  
Myron Pinckney Schermerhorn

Upper Montclair, N. J.  
(*R. Schermerhorn, Jr.; F. A. Lydecker*)

Frank Gerow Schoonmaker Wallkill, N. Y.  
(*C. Du Mond; R. B. Du Bois*)

Severn Delos Sprong Monroe, N. Y.  
(*W. M. Meserole; W. N. Voorhees*)

Daniel Comstock Taulman

Fort Worth, Texas  
(*E. Taulman; W. B. Talman*)

Harold Russell Van Siden Hollis, N. Y.  
(*W. S. Rapelje; G. E. Bergen*)

Raymond Van Tassel Suffern, N. Y.  
(*H. O. Voorhis; W. M. Meserole*)

Robert Suttor Westervelt Glen Rock, N. J.  
(*W. S. Westervelt; S. L. Westervelt*)

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

A. VEDDER BROWER Utica, N. Y.  
S. VERPLANCK HOFFMAN Morristown, N. J.  
GEORGE C. MILLER Buffalo, N. Y.  
WALTER POST Passaic, N. J.  
CHARLES W. ROMNEY New York City  
WILLIAM VAN KEUREN Little Silver, N. J.  
LIVINGSTON C. VAN NAME Staten Island, N. Y.

WILLIAM S. VERPLANCK Nutley, N. J.

## CHURCH SERVICE

(Continued from Page 1)

the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

"It was not only Pearl Harbor that slept on the eventful night of December 7, 1941," he said. "Pearl Harbor was merely one of the fingers on the hand of a body that sleeps yet today . . . Whenever man neglects God he begins to decay morally and spiritually. . . . Educated, scientifically trained man without God is his own worst enemy . . . If we do not re-educate our people to the absolute necessity for God's having a place in their lives, those of us who were awakened by Pearl Harbor will have awakened but in vain."

The sermon also was based upon Psalm 84:11, "For the Lord God is a sun and a shield. The Lord will give you grace and glory. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Domine Palen pointed out that the early settlers were God-fearing men and women, and that with the Dutch, for example, one of their first acts was to call from the homeland a Domine and then a schoolmaster.

Every family had a Bible then and constantly used it. Religious belief and practice were basic elements in their lives and played a vital part in welding the nation into a powerful unit within the Constitution. "We only delude ourselves," he said, of present-day unconcern with religion, "when we think that we can live without God."

## SCROLL OF HONOR

NAMES OF MEMBERS in the armed services will appear on a Scroll of Honor soon to be seen on the walls of the office. Those concerned are earnestly requested to furnish particulars at once.



## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

### By gift and exchange:

From Algemeen Nederlandsch Verbond: *Nederlandia*, November, 1941.

From Mrs. J. R. Ballantine: *Genealogical Record of the Van Patten Family, 1621-1922*, 27 pages.

From Joseph W. Belcher: *The Belcher Family in England and America*, by William Henry Belcher and Joseph Warren Belcher (1941).

From California State Society, Sons of the Revolution: *The Bulletin*, Vol. XX, No. 4; Vol. XXI, No. 1.

From Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine*, October, 1941-January, 1942.

From the Public Library, Detroit, Michigan: *Detroit Library Commission, 76th Annual Report*, 1940-1941.

From Dutchess County Historical Society: *Year Book*, Vol. 26, 1941.

From the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: *Year Book*, Vol. XVII, 1941-1942.

From Federal Works Agency, Work Projects Administration: *The Protection of America's Cultural Heritage, Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources, National Resources Planning Board*, Washington, D. C.

From Dudley Toll Hill: *The Toll Family*, by Dudley Toll Hill (1941).

From The State Historical Society of Iowa: *The Palimpsest*, Vols. XXII, No. 12 and XXIII, Nos. 1-2; *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, January, 1942.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: *The Register*, January, 1942.

From The Long Island Historical Society: *Quarterly*, January, 1942.

From Michigan Historical Commission: *Michigan History Magazine*, Winter Number, 1942.

From The Minnesota Historical Society: *Minnesota History*, December, 1941.

From The National Archives: *Bulletin #3, The Care of Records in a National Emergency; Second Annual Report of the Archivist of the U. S., as to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, 1940-1941*.

From The Netherland-America Foundation: *Monthly Letter*.

From The Netherlands Information Bureau: *Netherlands News*, Vol. 2, Nos. 2-7; *Ten Years of Japanese Burrowing in the Netherlands East Indies*.

From Genealogical Society of New Jersey: *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, October, 1940.

From New Jersey Historical Society: *Proceedings*, January, 1942; *New Jersey Archives*, First Series; Vol. XXXVI, *Abstracts of Wills*, Vol. VII, 1786-1790.

From The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society: *The Record*, January, 1942.

From The New York Historical Society: *Quarterly Bulletin*, January, 1942; *The Life of Emma Thursby, 1845-1931*, by Richard McCandless Gipson (1940).

From New York State Historical Association: *New York History*, January, 1942.

From The Historical Society of Pennsylvania: *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, January, 1942.

From The Staten Island Historical Society:

## ANCIENT MAPS

RARE EXAMPLES of the 17th Century cartographer's art have been made available to the Society by Trustee Wilfred B. Talman, of Spring Valley, N. Y.

Drawn by famous map-makers and printed more than 300 years ago, the charts depict in close detail physical features of The Netherlands. Present plans call for them to be framed by private subscription and hung on the walls of the Collegiate School.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . When Domine Everardus Bogardus and Director William Kieft quarreled, the militant churchman made public his views *fortissimo* from the pulpit and the Director, in order to out-thunder him, mustered troops hard by the church and commanded a ruffling of drums and even a volley by the fort artillery . . . One reason advanced for Brooklyn's confusing pattern of streets (as some folks allege) rests on the fact that present-day Kings County is the built-up aggregate of several small communities, each of which had its own street scheme in Colonial times . . . Hudson's vessel, *De Halve Maen*, was a yacht of 80 tons and had a crew of 20 Dutch and English sailors . . . Hartford, Conn., originally was a Dutch fort, begun in 1623 and named Fort Good Hope . . . The death under mysterious circumstances of Colonel Henry Sloughter, Governor of New York Colony, in the summer of 1691, occasioned the first autopsy on record in America . . . It was performed by Johannes Kerfbyle, a Leyden Medical School graduate . . . His findings proved the popular suspicion of poisoning to be groundless.

ciety: *The Staten Island Historian*, January, March, 1942.

From St. George's Society of New York: *Annual Report and Constitution*, 1942.

From Wilson C. Van Duzer: *Old Orange House* (Orange Co., N. Y.), with 100 photographs, by Mildred Parker Seese (1941).

From Charles M. van Kleek: *18 Holland Society Year Books and two Banquet Reports*.

From Arthur R. Wendell: *Picturesque Holland* by Henry Havard (1876); *Dutch History, Art and Literature for Americans*, by Tieman De Vries (1912).

From The Wyckoff Association in America: *The Wyckoff Family Bulletin*, October, 1941.

From Albert J. Zabriskie: *William Dixon and His Descendants*, by Edward Dixon (1940).





## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

JULY 1, 1942

### DIRECTORY ERRATA

With this issue of *De Halve Maen* is enclosed page 10-A for insertion between pages 10 and 11 of the Membership Directory published in April.

Through inadvertence the printer dropped several lines of type in making up the form after the Office had okayed proofs, resulting in the omission of seven names, a circumstance which is deeply regretted.

### V'S VICTORIOUS

An ALL-VICTORIOUS "V" slate—consisting of William Van Wyck, President, Harold O. Voorhis, Treasurer, and Edward M. Van Buren, Secretary—became officers of The Holland Society by vote of the members at the 57th annual meeting held April 6. Messrs. Van Wyck and Van Buren were re-elected; Mr. Voorhis succeeded William T. Van Alstyne.

Seth Toby Cole of Catskill and Albany, president of the National Tax Association, and J. B. B. Stryker, Lansdale, Pa., manufacturer and former director of a Bandoeng plantation in Java, delivered the speeches of the evening.

Speaking on the important

(Continued on Page 2)

### BOMBS FOR BERLIN

ANOTHER five-thousand-dollar War Bond, with which to help "axe the Axis," has been acquired by the Society by vote of the Trustees at the quarterly meeting held at the Metropolitan Club, June 11.

Regarding membership they decided that new members under the age of 30 should not be required to pay the admission fee as a condition of election for a period of one year from the date of the Board meeting.

Changes in the By-Laws recommended by a Revision Committee appointed in December were adopted. The Com-

(Continued on Page 3)

### LUNCHEON DATE

EVERY THURSDAY at 1:00 P.M., members of the Society meet for luncheon at André's, 3 Frankfort Street, in downtown Manhattan, east of City Hall. These informal and sociable get-togethers will continue through the summer months.

All members wishing to augment the ranks of the regulars are cordially invited to attend. The restaurant, long noted for the quality of its cuisine, serves moderately priced luncheons, from about 60 cents up.



## BRANCH MEETINGS:

*Union County:* Despite the gas and rubber situation, 40 stalwarts were on hand June 19 to enjoy in the bright sunshine and sylvan setting of Echo Lake Park, Cranford, N. J., the fourth annual picnic of the Branch, Walter H. Van Hoesen, Branch Prexy, and George B. Wendell, Secretary. Stephen F. Van Hoesen, the President's son, won the Burley Trophy competition. Thirteen Burgher Guardsmen attended.

*Westchester:* A brilliant performance by our star of the entertainment firmament, John Hoysradt, helped make an outstanding success of the Branch party at The Gramatan, Bronxville, on May 22. His father, Branch President Warren J. Hoysradt, presided with éclat over the dinner and proceedings, which a full house enjoyed to the hilt.

*Long Island:* Hugh Guille Bergen, outgoing Branch Prexy, and his capable coadjutors, provided a memorable party for 35 of the lads at the Annual Dinner held at the Jamaica Club, Jamaica, on May 14. Elected were: Harold E. Ditmars, President; Charles V. Rapelje, Treasurer; A. Lloyd Lott, Secretary; and four County V. P.'s., Robert H. Bergen, Kings; Howard D. Springsteen, Queens; Robert L. Bergen, Nassau; and Ferdinand L. Wyckoff, Suffolk.

*Ulster:* Apple blossom time in the Catskills gave a luxuriant weekend background for the annual Branch Dinner held at the Governor Clinton, Kingston, on May 2. Branch President Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr., was toastmaster. Forty members attended and made the welkin ring. President Van Wyck led the visiting contingent. Mayor W. F. Edelmuth of Kingston was guest speaker.

## V'S VICTORIOUS

*(Continued from Page 1)*

place of patriotic and historical societies in the present world crisis, Mr. Cole said:

The influence of days that have gone is ever with us. The past may be likened to a reservoir from which we draw inspiration to guide us in the present and to enable us to plan the future. . . . It is a reservoir which shall never fail us so long as each generation's contribution to it equals or exceeds its draughts upon it. In the maintenance and replenishing of this great source of supply our societies perform their chief function and therein lies their greatest responsibility.

*In't verleden ligt hed heden*

*In het nu wat wordent zal.*

In the past lies the present

In the now what is to be.

Mr. Stryker described plantation life in the Netherlands East Indies before the war, native customs and culture, and the advanced civilization created during the centuries of Dutch rule.

Musical entertainment was provided by Dr. Laird S. Van Dyck, Willard H. van Woert and Dr. William Pollak.

A resolution in support of the national war effort, offered by Col. Leigh K. Lydecker, was unanimously adopted and later transmitted to the White House. The Secretary received the following reply:

The White House  
Washington

April 9, 1942

Dear Mr. Van Buren:

The President has asked me to acknowledge your letter of April seventh and to assure you of his appreciation of your action in advising him of the adoption of the resolution by The Holland Society of New York. The President was, of course, delighted to have this assurance of loyal support.

Very sincerely yours,  
Stephen Early  
Secretary to the President



DE HALVE MAEN  
*Published Quarterly by*  
THE HOLLAND SOCIETY  
OF NEW YORK  
90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK



Organized in 1885 to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse; composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

William Van Wyck, President, 359 Park Avenue, New York City; Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., Secretary, 90 West Street, New York City; Harold O. Voorhis, Treasurer, 100 Washington Square, New York City.

DE HALVE MAEN is published under the direction of the Committee on Press and Publications, William T. Van Atten, chairman, and edited by Richard H. Amerman.

#### HAIL AND FAREWELL

##### THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of

New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership June 11, 1942 by the Trustees (names of proposer and seconder noted in that order):

Arthur Edwin Du Bois Pittsburgh, Penna.  
(*Non-members*; *E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)

Curtis Poillon Lawrenceville, N. J.  
(*A. Poillon; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)

James Higbie Polhemus Rolla, Mo.  
(*F. S. Polhemus; W. M. Mesevre*)

Seadman Teller Coronado, Calif.  
(*M. S. Teller; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)

Frank Benson Tallman New York City  
(*M. T. Bogert; W. R. Bogert*)

Edward Clinton Vandenburg, Jr. Winnetka, Ill.  
(*E. F. Schermerhorn; R. Schermerhorn, Jr.*)

Robert Carroll Van Ness Corpus Christi, Texas  
(*A. P. Van Horn; R. Schermerhorn, Jr.*)

William Overman Van Wyck, Jr. Covina, Calif.  
(*W. Van Wyck; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

GILBERT D. B. HASBROUCK Kingston, N. Y.  
MAJOR HENRY S. KIERSTED San Francisco, Calif.

WILLIAM H. WANZER Burlington, Vt.

So that a maximum of information can be collated during the summer, tardy members are asked to mail in their biographical data at early convenience.

#### BANQUET DATE FIXED

##### DATE FOR THE Annual

Banquet this year has been fixed for November 19 at The Plaza and the reservation secured, Banquet Chairman Lydecker reported at the Trustees' meeting. The dinner will be a "stag" affair.

#### BOMBS FOR BERLIN

(Continued from Page 1)  
mittee consisted of Walter M. Mesevole, Chairman, Hon. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., and Col. Leigh K. Lydecker.

Pursuant to the new By-Laws, additional members to standing Committees were appointed, as follows: Jay Le Fevre, Press and Publications; Charles L. Schenck, Meetings; and Ottomar H. Van Norden, Membership.

Mr. Van Norden, former Treasurer and a founder of the Burgher Guard, also was elected Trustee.

To aid in the selection of medalists, the Trustees created a Distinguished Achievement Medal Committee. Its personnel follows: Harold O. Voorhis, Chairman, Col. Leigh K. Lydecker, Fenton B. Turck, Jr., William T. Van Atten, Richard H. Amerman, William R. Bogert, and Warren J. Hoysradt.

The President re-appointed Rufus Cole Van Aken a Committee-of-One on Taxation and Biographical Data to June, 1943.

Secretary Van Buren reported that he had conveyed to Dr. Alexander Loudon, Netherlands Ambassador to the United States, the congratulatory resolution passed at the Joint Meeting of Vice Presidents and Trustees upon the elevation of the Legation to the rank of Embassy in May.

Ambassador Loudon has responded with a letter of appreciation on behalf of his Government.



## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

### By gift and exchange:

From Algemeen Nederlandsch Verbond: *Neerlandia*, June, 1941.

From Institute of American Genealogy: *The Compendium of American Genealogy*, Vol. VII, 1942.

From Mrs. C. C. Bovey: *Koon and Coons Families of Eastern New York*, compiled by William Solyman Coons, aided by Kate Koon Bovey, Leon C. Hills and C. Carroll Koon (1937).

From Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church: *Year Book for 1942*.

From Historical Society of Delaware: *Reports of the President, Librarian and Treasurer for 1941*.

From Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine*, February, March and April, 1942.

From State Historical Society of Iowa: *The Palimpsest*, March, April, May, 1942; *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, April, 1942.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: *The Register*, April, 1942.

From Knapp Family Association of America: *Bulletin*, April, 1942.

From Dr. Harry J. Kreider: *Lutheranism in Colonial New York*, by Harry Julius Kreider, Ph.D. (1942.)

From Lester D. Mapes: *Additional data on the Vanderveer family*.

From Marine Museum of the City of New York: *Annual Report 1941*.

From Michigan Historical Commission: *Michigan History Magazine*, Spring Number, 1942; Index and List of Contents to Vols. for 1939 and 1940.

From Genealogical Society of New Jersey: *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, January, 1941, and Index and List of Contents to Vol. for 1940.

From New Jersey Historical Society: *Proceedings*, April, 1942.

From Mrs. Howard J. Bunker: *The Bunker or Bunker Families*, compiled by Howard James Bunker (1909).

From New York Genealogical and Biographical Society: *The Record*, April, 1942.

From New-York Historical Society: *Quarterly Bulletin*, April, 1942.

From New York State Historical Association: *New York History*, April, 1942; *Bulletin*, February, 1942.

From Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio: *Annual Report*, 1941.

From Historical Society of Pennsylvania: *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, April, 1942.

From Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick: *1941 Year Book*.

From Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York: *Officers and Members*, May, 1942.

From Staten Island Historical Society: *Staten Island Historian*, April-June, 1942.

From Willard H. Van Woert: *Index to the Public Records of the County of Albany, State of New York, 1630-1804* (1902).

From Rynier V. W. Veght: *Two religious books in the Dutch language*, printed in Holland, one in 1687 and the other in 1723; *Deed of Jeronimus Rapalte to Cornelius*

The office of the Society at 90 West Street, New York, will not be open Saturdays during July and will be closed for vacation throughout the month of August.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS . . . Lewis B. Sebring, Jr., former editor of *De Halve Maen*, is correspondent for the New York Herald-Tribune with the American forces in Australia . . . Trustee George S. Van Schaick, former State Superintendent of Insurance, has been named regional director of the Office of Civilian Defense for the 2d Corps Area, including New York, New Jersey and Delaware . . . Parishioners of Middle Collegiate Church have celebrated with a reception the 10th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Ernest R. Palen, Domine of the Society . . . Dr. Marston T. Bogert, professor emeritus of organic chemistry at Columbia University, where he taught nearly 50 years, has been elected an honorary member of the Society of Chemical Industry, English organization of industrial chemists; he was chief of the Army Chemical Service Section during World War I . . . Trustee Jay Le Fevre, New Paltz, has been endorsed for the Republican nomination for Representative from the 27th Congressional District by party organizations of each county in the District — Ulster, Hudson, Greene, Sullivan and Schoharie Counties . . . Henry W. Brower recently was elected a Trustee of the Plainfield (N. J.) Trust Company.

*Tunison for 100 acres of upland on the Raritan, dated June 20, 1693; Property Release from Peter B. Dumont to Rynier Veght of land in Montgomery County, N. Y., dated January 21, 1705; Indenture between Jeremiah Field of Middlesex Co., N. J. and John Van Middeswart of Somerset County, N. J., dated May 31, 1748.*

From Arthur R. Wendell: *History of Thanksgiving and Proclamations*, by H. S. J. Sickel (1940); *Our Young Folks, a Magazine*, No. 21, September, 1866.

From Wyckoff Association of America: *Wyckoff Family Bulletin*, March, 1942.

From Historical Records Survey, Work Projects Administration: *Inventory of County Archives of New York City: Staten Island, 1678-1843; Kings County*, No. 2.

### By purchase:

Supplement to *The Demarest Family*, by Mary A. and William H. S. Demarest (1942).





## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

NOVEMBER 1, 1942

### ANNUAL BANQUET

THE 58TH ANNUAL BANQUET of The Holland Society, with a program unexcelled in its long and brilliant tradition, will be held at The Plaza, New York, Thursday evening, November 19, it was announced at the Trustees' meeting by Col. Leigh K. Lydecker, Chairman of the Banquet Committee.

J. Edgar Hoover, who receives the gold medal and diploma of the Society this year for distinguished achievement, and who is a forceful speaker, will give an address of timely interest.

Celebrated for outstanding public service as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Hoover holds two law degrees from George Washington University, which, besides four other institutions, has accorded him the distinction of the honorary doctorate. He is an officer in the Army Intelligence Reserve, and has received numerous awards for his work in law enforcement and crime prevention.

Another prominent speaker is James W. Gerard, Ambassador to Germany during the last war, author of "My Four Years in Germany," and former Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

A representative of the

Netherlands Embassy in Washington is expected to be present.

The Medalist will be introduced at the dinner by Treasurer Harold O. Voorhis, Secretary of New York University.

### TRUSTEES ELECT

WARREN J. HOYSRADT, Bronxville, N. Y., was elected a Trustee of the Society to fill the unexpired term of Ward Van Alstyne at the quarterly Trustees' meeting held at the Metropolitan Club, Fifth Ave. and 60th St., October 8.

Mr. Van Alstyne resigned from the Board because of absence on business in South America.

It was reported that the Society at present has 813 members, of whom 92 are life and 721 annual members.

### THURSDAY LUNCHEONS

A DOUBLE OPPORTUNITY—for good conversation and good victuals—awaits members in the metropolitan area at 1:00 P.M. every Thursday, at Andre's, 3 Frankfort Street, close by the Pulitzer Building in downtown Manhattan.

The luncheons have continued through the summer with great success. Prices are from about 60 cents up. All members are cordially invited to attend.



## SALE OF SOUVENIRS

"Now is the time for all good members"—to avail themselves of a bargain which their thrifty Dutch burgher ancestors would envy.

For it has been determined to sell at the flat rate of 50 cents each the Society's stock of metal Banquet souvenirs before donating the balance as scrap to promote the war effort.

The opportunity is effective for a limited period. No deliveries; the objects should be called for at the Office.

Medals, trays, miniatures, paper weights—commemorating events and circumstances in Old Holland and New Netherland well known to members, and fine examples of the metal craftsman's art—formerly were sold at prices ranging from \$1.50 to five dollars each.

The list follows:

1904-1906, inclusive, Friesland medals.

1907—Reproduction of the *Geuzen Penning* (Beggar's Penny) of 1574, with ring suitable for fob pendant.

1908—Bronze ash tray by Gorham bearing the seal of the Society.

1909—Silver miniature of the "Half Moon," hung by orange ribbon from a silver crossbar.

1910—A pewter Britannia copy of a Spoon of Hudson's time, as used on the "Half Moon."

Paper weights: 1911—Society Seal and Badge. 1912—Peter Stuyvesant Seal and State House. 1913—Seal of New Amsterdam and Water Gate, Wall Street. 1914—Provincial Seal of New Netherland and fort on Manhattan. 1915—Seal of Old Amsterdam and *Schreyers Toren* in Holland.

1916—Medallion, the first New York City seal, under the

Dutch, 1654 (obverse); under the English, 1669 (reverse).

1918—Betts medal, with first replica of American flag.

## BRANCH MEETINGS

**Dutchess:** Forty members and guests attended the 53rd annual dinner of the Dutchess County Branch held at the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie, Saturday evening, October 3. Puissant Poucher's Punch and an exceptionally toothsome *hutspot* rejoiced and sustained the assemblage. The Branch chose Dr. John H. Dingman as President, to succeed Franklyn J. Poucher, and Norman H. Polhemus as Secretary-Treasurer. Speakers were Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr., Jay Le Fevre, Seth T. Cole, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher (charter member of the Branch, who attended the dinner for the 53rd time), Richard H. Amerman, and Rufus Cole Van Aken.

**Essex:** A goodly number of members was present at an informal get-together of the Branch, Thomas E. Van Winkle, President, held in the home of Edgar B. Van Wagoner, Orange, N. J., Friday evening, October 23.

## PHOTO NEGATIVES

ALL NEGATIVES of the pictures illustrating the Society's authoritative books on pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses have been donated to the Society by the photographer, Miss Margaret De M. Brown, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., it was announced at the Trustees' meeting by Walter M. Meserole, Chairman of the Library, History and Tradition Committee.

A few copies of Volume II are available at the Office; Volume I is sold out.



DE HALVE MAEN  
Published Quarterly by  
THE HOLLAND SOCIETY  
OF NEW YORK  
90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK



Organized in 1885 to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

William Van Wyck, President, 350 Park Avenue, New York City; Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., Secretary, 90 West Street, New York City; Harold O. Voorhis, Treasurer, 100 Washington Square, New York City.

DE HALVE MAEN is published under the direction of the Committee on Press and Publications, William T. Van Atten, chairman, and edited by Richard H. Amerman.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership October 8, 1942 by the Trustees (names of proposer and seconder noted in that order):

Richard Fowler Brinckerhoff Pottstown, Pa.  
(*W. Van Wyck; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)

Fred Everett Cooper Fairlawn, N. J.  
(*G. Van Cleave; E. E. Blawie*)

Garrett de Bois North Plainfield, N. J.  
(*E. M. Van Buren, Jr.; W. M. Meserole*)

Albert Safford Heyer St. Johnsbury, Vt.  
(*Non-members*)

William Poillon Forest Hills, N. Y.  
(*A. Poillon; W. M. Meserole*)

Roy Couse Van Denbergh New Hartford, N. Y.  
(*D. K. Vanneman; F. J. Bergen*)

Donald Haddock Vanderbilt New York City  
(*C. A. Van Patten; Macdonald De Witt*)

Walter Hamilton Van Hoesen, Jr. Fanwood, N. J.  
(*W. H. Van Hoesen; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

RICHARD OUTWATER Greenwich, Conn.  
VINCENT R. SCHENCK Jersey City, N. Y.

JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN Bedford, N. Y.  
JOHN R. VAN SICLEN Kew Gardens, N. Y.

NICHOLAS D. WORTENDYKE East Orange, N. J.

THE COMMITTEE in charge urges prompt compliance by members tardy in responding to the request for biographical data.

GUARD ACTIVITIES

MEMBERS OF THE BURGHER

GUARD, with customary robust vigor and good cheer, held their annual dinner meeting and election of officers at the Hotel Collingwood, New York, Monday evening, October 26, with Captain Rufus Cole Van Aken presiding.

Elected officers for the coming year, excepting the appointive Captaincy, are the following:

Lieutenants: Cornelius Ackerson, Hugh Guille Bergen, John H. Brinckerhoff, and T. Morris Van der Veer.

Adjutant: Paul R. Jansen.

Quartermaster Sergeants: Richard H. Amerman, Harrison Deyo, Philip R. Deyo, and Gerardus H. Wynkoop.

It was decided to present an inscribed silver spoon to every male child of Guardsmen at present in good standing born since the date (1936) when the Guard was formed.

The third edition of "Who's Who in the Burgher Guard," a 39-page booklet with the biographies of members, Constitution and By-Laws of the Guard, and excerpt from the Constitution of the Society, appeared during the summer. Copies were distributed to Guardsmen, and the officers, Trustees and Vice-Presidents of the Society.

Distinctive with the orange-and-blue *fourragère*, members have attended Branch functions of the Society, and recently have paraded the National and Society Colors at important patriotic ceremonial occasions, among them the following:

September 17, Constitution Day Exercises, Sub-Treasury Building, Broad and Wall Sts.

October 11, Parade and Annual Ceremony of the Massing of the Colors, St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue and 53rd Street.



## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

### By gift and exchange:

From California State Society Sons of the Revolution: *Bulletin*, April, May, June, 1942.

From C. V. Compton: *Comptonology*, August, 1942.

From John V. D. Cornell: Photostats of pages from *The Argonaut*, July 6, 1878.

From The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine*, May-September, 1942.

From Dutchess County Historical Society: *Year Book for 1939*.

From Historical Records Survey, Work Projects Administration: *Guide to Vital Statistics in the City of New York*, 5 Vols., covering Churches in the Boroughs of Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Richmond.

From The State Historical Society of Iowa: *The Palimpsest*, June-Sept., 1942. *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, July, 1942.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: *The Register*, July, October, 1942.

From Lester D. Mapes: *Three additional pages of Vanderover Family data*.

From Michigan Historical Commission: Pamphlet entitled *Michigan State Flag*, *Michigan History Magazine*, Index and List of Contents to Vol. XXV; Summer Number, 1942.

From Minnesota Historical Society: *Minnesota History*, June, September, 1942.

From The Netherland-America Foundation: *Monthly Letter*, June-Sept., 1942.

From Netherlands Information Bureau: *Netherlands News*, June-Sept., 1942. *Netherlands News Digest*, June-Oct., 1942. Acquisitions to the Library, August-September, 1942.

From The Genealogical Society of New Jersey: *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, April, 1941.

From New Jersey Historical Society: *Proceedings*, July, October, 1942.

From The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society: *The Record*, July, October, 1942.

From The New York Historical Society: *Quarterly Bulletin*, July, October, 1942. Index to Vol. XXVI. Pamphlets, *The Thompson Homestead Memorial*, New York, Then and Now.

From New York State Historical Association: *New York History*, July, 1942. *The Bulletin*, September, 1942.

From Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio: *The Courses of the Ohio River*, by Thomas Hutchins, Anno 1766, and 2 Accompanying Maps. Edited by Beverly W. Bond, Jr. (1942).

From The Historical Society of Pennsylvania: *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, July, October, 1942.

From Henry Earle Riggs: *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 2 Vols., by Emma Hynes Riggs and Henry Earle Riggs (1941-1942).

From Mrs. Lila James Roney: Typewritten Manuscript on the *Bruay Family of Ulster County, N. Y.*, by Lila James Roney.

From F. B. Smidt: *29 Holland Society Year Books*, 1896 to 1928-29.

From Sons of the Revolution in the State

AMONG OUR MEMBERS . . . Capt. Elliott Vandevanter, Jr., son of Elliott Vandevanter, St. Louis, Mo., has been decorated for heroism in action in the South Pacific . . . John H. Voorhees, Sioux Falls, S. D., recently was re-elected Treasurer of the American Bar Association . . . Seth T. Cole, President of the National Tax Association, last month presided over the annual conference attended in Cincinnati by more than 500 tax officials from every State in the Nation and Canada . . . Norman H. Polhemus, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has been elected President of the Home Co-Operative Savings & Loan Association of that city . . . Harry H. Van Aken supplied the word "airmada" used in broadcasts by Lowell Thomas . . . Congressman Albert L. Vreeland, East Orange, N. J., an ambulance driver in World War I, did not seek re-election at the polls this month but has returned to the armed forces as a Major of Infantry . . . R. Emerson Swart, President of Huylers, is Treasurer of the New York County Republican Committee . . . Van Vechten Veeder, former Federal judge and contributor to the classic "Select Essays in Anglo-American Legal History," is Chairman of the Committee on International Law of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York . . . Major James Roosevelt was second in command of the Marine Corps commando raid on Makin Island in the Pacific in August . . . Correspondence of William C. DeWitt, city historian of Kingston, N. Y., on a condensation of Dickens' works, was discussed in Harry Hansen's literary column in the New York World-Telegram in August . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Mesirow attended the reception for Queen Wilhelmina in July arranged by a committee appointed by Mayor LaGuardia and headed by George S. Van Schaick . . .

of New York: *Reports and Proceedings*, July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942.

From The Staten Island Historical Society: *The Staten Island Historian*, July, September, 1942.

From Joseph E. Taulman: *Two Pence Note*, dated February 20, 1790, framed in glass.

From The Western Reserve Historical Society: *A Short History of the Society from 1867-1942*, by Elbert Jay Benton, Secretary of the Society.

From The Wyckoff Association of America: *Report of the Sixth Annual Meeting*, April 11, 1942.





## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

JANUARY 1, 1943

### F. B. I. CHIEF HONORED AT ANNUAL BANQUET

FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED public service as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover received the Society's Gold Medal and Diploma at the 58th annual banquet of The Holland Society held at The Plaza, Fifth Avenue and 59th Street, New York City, November 19.

Two hundred and seventy-nine members and their guests were present, one of the largest audiences to attend the dinner in years. President William Van Wyck presided.

In his address of acceptance, Mr. Hoover said, in part, of the effect of wartime conditions, "Our national character is on trial. So is Americanism. No man can serve two masters; there can be nosuch thing as divided allegiance today. We are either for America and its war or we are against it. There is no place for ease, duty shirking, graft, or those who would get rich quick at the expense of the war effort. The times call for soul-searching effort that will put country before self not only in the armed forces but in labor, management and government."

*(Continued on Page 2)*

### CHURCH SERVICE

DOMINE ERNEST R. PALEN will conduct the third annual Memorial Church Service of The Holland Society at 4:00 P. M., Sunday, March 7th, at Middle Collegiate Church, Second Avenue and Seventh Street, New York City, according to arrangements approved by the Trustees. Members and their friends are cordially invited.

### POUCHER ELECTED

FRANKLYN J. POUCHER, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., former President of the Dutchess County Branch, was elected a Trustee of the Society to fill the unexpired term of his father, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, at the quarterly meeting of the Trustees held at the Metropolitan Club December 10.

Dr. Poucher, a member of the Society since 1890, resigned from the Board because of ill health.

It was decided to hold the Smoker in the first part of February. Details will be communicated to the membership.

A Nominating Committee to present nominations at the Annual Meeting in April was selected, as follows: Frank H. Vedder, Chairman; Col. Leigh K. Lydecker, William T. Van Atten, Cornelius Ackerson, and Richard K. Hoagland.



## ANNUAL BANQUET

*(Continued from Page 1)*

The speech presenting Mr. Hoover to President Van Wyck for the investiture was given by Treasurer Harold O. Voorhis.

L. A. Gastman, Consul General for The Netherlands in New York, spoke in response to the toast to his country and to Queen Wilhelmina.

In the absence of James W. Gerard, Trustee Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., delivered the remarks which the former Ambassador had prepared.

For their enjoyment of the dinner, arranged and directed with precision, members are indebted to Col. Leigh K. Lydecker, Chairman of the Banquet Committee.

Members of the Burgher Guard, 27 strong, performed their ceremonial duties with high efficiency under the direction of Captain Rufus Cole Van Aken. The Guardsmen who attended accounted for 18 per cent of all members present.

## OFFICERS DINED

FORMER AMBASSADOR James W. Gerard entertained the Society's officers, William Van Wyck, President; Harold O. Voorhis, Treasurer; Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., Secretary; and Domine Ernest R. Palen, at dinner at his home, 1014 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on December 28. The dinner was in honor of Judge Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., who presented Mr. Gerard's address at the annual banquet, the former Ambassador having been temporarily incapacitated in a motor accident.

To preserve  
your forefathers' traditions  
BUY WAR BONDS

## LUNCHEON FIXTURE

THE PROGRAM of Thursday luncheons for members is being carried on each week at one o'clock, and continues to attract sizable and growing numbers, at Andre's Restaurant, 3 Frankfort Street, in lower Manhattan. Members are cordially invited to attend.

## GUARD RESOLUTION

THE BURGHER GUARD resolution passed at its annual dinner meeting in October, regarding presentations to Guardsmen's sons, is herewith set forth:

*Resolved* that the Burgher Guard of The Holland Society of New York present to each male child born since the organization of the Burgher Guard to the present members of the Guard in good standing, and to each male child hereafter born to a member of the Guard in good standing at the time of such birth, a sterling silver spoon engraved with initial; together with the felicitations of the Guard for long life, success and happiness—as a member of The Holland Society of New York and of its Burgher Guard after attaining the age of eligibility.

## WILHELMINA FUND

PHILIP A. BENSON, on behalf of the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., official Netherlands war relief agency in this country, invites the Society's members to join many others in extending needed assistance to Hollanders who have escaped the Nazi tyranny and to Dutch prisoners of war. Contributions, which are deductible from Federal income tax, may be sent to his Committee, 9 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, or to R. G. A. van der Woude, the Fund's Executive Committee Chairman, 10 Rockefeller Plaza.



ursday  
bers is  
eek, at  
ues to  
rowing  
aurant,  
r Man-  
ordially

D reso-  
annual  
er, re-  
wards-  
forth:

gher  
ciety  
each  
gan-  
ard to  
the  
nd to  
born  
d in  
e of  
ilver  
; to  
us of  
cess  
er of  
New  
guard  
ligi-

on be-  
Wilhel-  
ether-  
in this  
ciety's  
ers in  
ce to  
ed the  
Dutch  
tions,  
Fed-  
nt to  
Ave.,  
n der  
utive  
ocke-

DE HALVE MAEN  
*Published Quarterly by*  
THE HOLLAND SOCIETY  
OF NEW YORK  
90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK



Organized in 1885 to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

William Van Wyck, President, 350 Park Avenue, New York City; Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., Secretary, 90 West Street, New York City; Harold O. Voorhees, Treasurer, 100 Washington Square, New York City.

DE HALVE MAEN is published under the direction of the Committee on Press and Publications, William T. Van Atten, chairman, and edited by Richard H. Amerman.

PERSONALS . . .

Word has been received of the death in action in the New Guinea sector of Lt. Irving Wilson Voorhees, Jr., who left Princeton University in March, 1941, to become an Army Air Force pilot seven months later, son of Dr. Irving W. Voorhees, Jackson Heights; his squadron commander wrote, in part, "Lt. Voorhees died in combat, displaying the bravery and courage typical only of the officers and men of a country such as the United States." . . . Brig. Gen. George L. Van Deusen is commanding officer of Fort Monmouth, N. J. . . Jay Le Fevre was chosen in the November elections to represent the 27th New York District in Congress . . . On the other side of the ledger was the defeat of Congressman William H. Sutphin, who represented the Third New Jersey District for the last twelve years . . . Orange County voters elected Wilson C. Van Duzer, Middletown, N. Y., to the Assembly of the State Legislature . . . The Dominican Republic's Order of Military Merit, First Class, has been awarded to Lt. Col. James Roosevelt . . . Philip A. Benson, President of the Brooklyn Dime Savings Bank, is Chairman of the Brooklyn Committee of The Queen Wilhelmina Fund . . . Cornelius C. Du Mond, Ulster Park, N. Y., is President of the State Farm Bureau Federation and Chairman of the State Agriculture Defense Committee . . . P. Raymond Haulenbeek, Vice-President and Trustee of the North River Savings Bank, is the new President of the 34th Street Midtown Association . . . Miss Helen Wilkinson Reynolds, who wrote the Society's first book on old Dutch houses, died recently at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

HAIL TO THE NEW

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership December 10, 1942, by the Trustees (names of proposer and seconder noted in that order):

Frederick William Banta Staten Island, N. Y.  
(D. Banta; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.)

Edwin Franklin Britten, III Millburn, N. J.  
(T. E. Van Winkle; W. M. Meserole)

Wilson Allen Britten, Maplewood, N. J.  
(T. E. Van Winkle; W. M. Meserole)

William Ellis Cuykendall, Jr., Larchmont, N. Y.  
(W. E. Cuykendall; W. M. Meserole)

William Schoonover Decker, II Jersey City, N. J.  
(W. E. Decker; H. R. Vreeland)

Barent Ten Eyck New York City  
(S. S. Duryea; F. Hogeboom)

Robert Harding Vreeland Princeton, N. J.  
(J. S. van Syckel; C. S. van Syckel)

Theodore De Mott Vreeland Princeton, N. J.  
(J. S. van Syckel; C. S. van Syckel)

James H. Van Cleef New Brunswick, N. J.  
(A. R. Wendell; W. M. Meserole)

FAREWELL TO THE OLD

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

GEORGE HENRY ACKERMAN South Orange, N. J.

HAROLD BOYNTON BERGEN New York City

FRANK M. VAN HORN Los Angeles, Calif.

VAN VECHTEN VEEDER New York City

CHARLES LANSING WITBECK Cohoes, N. Y.



## ON OUR BOOK-SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

### By gift and exchange:

From California State Society Sons of the Revolution: *Bulletin*, July-August-September, 1942.

From L. C. Cocheu: *The Descendants of Wolter Garretts Van Kouwenhoven through his son Jacob Wolphertsen Van Kouwenhoven*. Working Index compiled by Lincoln C. Cocheu, New York City, 1942.

From C. V. Compton: *Comptonology*, November, 1942.

From Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine*, November-December, 1942.

From Abraham Hatfield: *Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Hatfield of New Amsterdam and Mamaroneck*, by Abraham Hatfield (1935).

From Albert S. Heyer: Two framed portraits of Walter Isaac Heyer and his brother Alfred Heyer.

From State Historical Society of Iowa: *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, October, 1942; *The Palimpsest*, October, November, 1942.

From the Knapp Family Association of America: *Bulletin*, October, 1942.

From Lester D. Mapes: *Another branch of the Vanderwerf family*.

From Michigan Historical Commission: *Michigan History Magazine*, Autumn Number, 1942.

From Netherland-America Foundation: *Monthly Letter*, October-November, 1942.

From Netherlands Information Bureau: *Netherlands News*, October-November, 1942; *Netherlands News Digest*, October-December, 1942; *Education in the Netherlands*, by Marinus M. Lourens. Booklet #5; *Surinam—A Geographic Study*, by J. Warren Nystrom. Booklet #6.

From New York State Historical Association: *New York History*, October, 1942.

From Smithsonian Institution: *Annual Report of the American Historical Association*, 1937, Vol. II; 1940.

From Mrs. Georgia Gosney Wisda: *Gosney Family Records 1740-1890 and Related Families*, by Georgia Gosney Wisda.

From Wyckoff Association in America: *Wyckoff Family Bulletin*, October, 1942.

From Work Projects Administration: *Historical Records Survey: Inventory of Borough Archives in the City of New York*, Vol. 4, Bronx Borough.

### By purchase:

W. W. Clayton's *History of Onondaga County, N. Y.*

*The Lot Family in America*, by A. V. Phillips (1942).

*Staten Island Church Miscellany*, by W. B. Wilkinson (1942).

Tombstone Inscriptions from Graveyard of Protestant Reformed Dutch Church at Aquackanck, N. J. Copied by William W. Scott in 1920. Typewritten copy made in 1942 by H. S. Ackerman and A. J. Goff.

## MEMBERS' BIOGRAPHIES

RUFUS COLE VAN AKEN, Chairman of the Biographical Data Committee, has announced the receipt from members of a large number of completed reports. He requests the cooperation of all who have not yet submitted their biographies, so that his Committee may provide complete data for the Society's files.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . in colonial times a Custom House was established at Hell Gate to prevent the Yankees of Connecticut from sending milk, butter and eggs untaxed to the people of Manhattan . . . Another Custom House existed at the foot of Cortlandt Street to levy on goods entered from New Jersey . . . The naval flag of the Dutch Republic (formed in 1579 and declared independent in 1581) consisting of seven parallel red and white stripes, was virtually the first emblem of national sovereignty in world history . . . It signified the federal union of the seven Netherland provinces into one States-General . . . Previously pennants, colors, ensigns and banners symbolized kings, local rulers and feudal entities . . . Vocabulary as well as the concept of the flag, too, is largely borrowed from the Dutch, examples being "stripe", "field", "staff", "halyards" and "bunting" . . . The title of Domine, or pastor with authority, is to be distinguished from "domine", a Scottish term meaning schoolmaster . . . The first completely organized church in America was formed in Manhattan in 1628 under Rev. Jonas Michaelius, then 51 years of age, a Leyden University graduate . . . The mother church, which was formed in the fort, in now housed in many splendid edifices all united under one Collegiate body, or Consistory . . . For centuries a majority of Dutch Domines spoke more than one language . . . A number of them were learned in one or more of the Indian dialects . . . The sugar situation recalls a Holland House exhibit of 1940—a lump of brown sugar dangling from a string which, dipped momentarily in a cup, was the method whereby New Amsterdam burghers sweetened the contents without waste.





## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

APRIL 1, 1943

### MAVERICK SPEAKS AT ANNUAL SMOKER

**TRIBUTE TO AMERICANS** of Dutch descent for the part they are playing in the war effort was paid by former Congressman Maury Maverick of Texas, now an official connected with the War Production Board, at the annual smoker of The Holland Society held the evening of February 8 at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City.

One hundred and sixty members and friends heard Mr. Maverick tell of the work some of the men of Dutch ancestry are performing in the services of their country. He was introduced by President William L. Van Wyck, who said that he and the speaker were cousins. In referring to it Mr. Maverick told of having the late Augustus Van Wyck, father of President Van Wyck, greet him at the gangplank when he returned wounded from the first World War. His address was printed in the Congressional Record of February 18.

The gathering started with a cocktail hour in the Keystone Room and was the occasion for renewing of friendships and exchange of information as to the whereabouts of members in the

*(Continued on Page 2)*

### SERVICE FLAG

A SERVICE FLAG in honor of The Holland Society members who are serving in the armed forces of the United States was ordered at the quarterly meeting of the Trustees held at the Metropolitan Club the evening of March 11. It will be dedicated at the Annual Meeting the evening of April 6, and thereafter occupy a prominent place at the Headquarters, 90 West Street.

The trustees voted to invest an additional \$2,000 in War Bonds with funds of the Society. On each of the two previous occasions \$5,000 has been invested similarly.

The annual joint meeting of the Trustees and Vice-Presidents will be held the evening of May 15.

### UNION BRANCH DINNER

MORE THAN THIRTY members and guests heard an inspiring address on the war effort by Smith L. Multer, president of the New Jersey Society, S. A. R., at the annual dinner of the Union County Branch at the Hotel Winfield Scott, Elizabeth, N. J., the evening of March 15. Mr. Multer paid tribute to the sturdy qualities of the Dutch

*(Continued on Page 2)*



## MAVERICK SPEAKS

*(Continued from Page 1)*

armed service. Assignments on active duty prevented all but a few of those in uniform from attending.

Adjournment was taken to the Cafe Rouge for supper prior to the address by Mr. Maverick. Members of the Burgher Guard performed their ceremonial duties of carrying in and retiring the colors and the beaver.

## UNION BRANCH DINNER

*(Continued from Page 1)*

and declared that they would have a great influence on the outcome of the struggle. He declared that the United States would never again be able to return to an isolation policy.

Poucher's "Punch" was a featured attraction during the early part of the evening.

Vice President Walter H. Van Hoesen presided and before introducing the speaker he called upon past Presidents Arthur R. Wendell and Walter Meserole, Treasurer Harold Voorhis, Trustee Otto Van Norden and others for remarks.

## COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING at Hotel Pennsylvania, April 6.

Long Island Branch dinner at Forest Hills Inn, May 3.

Joint meeting Trustees and Vice-Presidents at Metropolitan Club, May 15.

Union County Branch annual picnic at Echo Lake Park, Cranford, N. J., June 18.

## CHURCH SERVICE

SEVERAL HUNDRED members of The Holland Society and friends were present at the third annual memorial service for the departed held at the Middle Collegiate Church, Sec-

ond Avenue and Seventh Street, New York City, at 4 o'clock, the afternoon of Sunday, March 7.

The service was conducted by Rev. Ernest R. Palen, domine of the Society. He was assisted by Rev. Millard L. Robinson, chaplain of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and Rev. Henry Darlington, chaplain of the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

The National colors and those of the Society were grouped at the front of the church after they had been carried in the procession which opened the service. Domine Palen stressed the privilege and duty to honor the dead in such times and urged the necessity for maintaining a high courage.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

DEATH CAME RECENTLY to Cornelius Kouwenhoven, who had lived for all of his ninety-one years in the Kouwenhoven family homestead at 5461 Kings Highway in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. His daughter, Grace Kouwenhoven, has lived there for fifty years and has no intention of leaving it.

The house occupies part of a large acreage bought from the Indians more than 300 years ago by the first member of the family to settle there. It is one of the few remaining old Dutch houses left in a neighborhood that at one time provided excellent farmland for scores of thrifty Dutch families.

If the list could be completed it would doubtless show other descendants of the original Dutch settlers who are living either in the old homes or more modern structures on the sites. Their devotion to old-time homes and familiar surroundings is in keeping with the Dutch tradition and sturdy qualities.



---

## DE HALVE MAEN

*Published Quarterly by*  
**THE HOLLAND SOCIETY  
OF NEW YORK**  
90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK



Organized in 1885 to promote the history of the early Dutch settlers of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse; composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

William Van Wyck, President, 350 Park Avenue, New York City; Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., Secretary, 90 West Street, New York City; Harold O. Voorhis, Treasurer, 100 Washington Square, New York City.

DE HALVE MAEN is published under the direction of the Committee on Press and Publications,

---

## NEW MEMBERS

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership March 11, 1943, by the Trustees (names of proposer and seconder noted in that order):

Howard Griffen Blauvelt

Grand View-on-Hudson, N. Y.  
(*L. L. Blauvelt; J. de C. Van Etten*)

William Supthia Heyer, Hightstown, N. J.  
(*R. K. Hoagland; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)

Dudley Rapelje Johnson, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
(*R. Johnson, Jr.; W. M. Mescerole*)

Charles Adriance Mead, Montclair, N. J.  
(*T. E. Van Winkle; F. Hoogeboom*)

Frederick James Van Vranken

New York City

(*K. F. Van Vranken; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)

John Frederick Van Vranken Sayville, N. Y.  
(*K. F. Van Vranken; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)

Robert Eakins Van Vranken Sayville, N. Y.  
(*K. F. Van Vranken; E. M. Van Buren, Jr.*)

Kenneth Thomas Vedder Schenectady, N. Y.  
(*A. Vedder; W. M. Mescerole*)

## IN MEMORIAM

THE SINCERE SORROW of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

FREDERICK H. BOGERT Ridgewood, N. J.  
WALTER B. GARRETT Freeport, N. Y.  
HENRY DITMAS LOTT New York City  
JACOB DURYEA REMSEN Upper Montclair, N. J.

GEORGE L. TELLER Riverside, Ill.  
W. KENNETH VAN NESS Ridgewood, N. J.  
WINANT VAN WINKLE Rutherford, N. J.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

### *By gift and exchange:*

From Brookfield Publishing Company:  
*Supplement and Index to Magna Charta*, by John S. Wurtz.

From Association of Blauvelt Descendants:  
*Indexed Records of the North Schraalenburgh Reformed Dutch Church, Dumont, N. J.*, from 1802-1926.

From California State Society, Sons of the Revolution: *The Bulletin*, Oct., 1942-March, 1943.

From Lincoln C. Cocheu: *Working Index of the Descendants of Wolphert Geretse Van Kauwenhoven through his youngest son Peter and his eldest son Gérret*, compiled by Lincoln C. Cocheu.

## DUTCH IN AMERICA

THE INFLUENCE of the original Dutch settlers and their descendants on the growth of the United States is in no way better illustrated than by the membership rolls of The Holland Society.

Each man descended in the direct male line from a resident of Nieuw Amsterdam prior to 1675. Members live not only in the original so-called "Dutch country," but they are scattered among most of the States of the Union. They include lawyers, bankers, scientists, businessmen, educators, farmers and representatives of practically every other profession, trade or enterprise.

When Henry Hudson reached the shores of this continent in 1609 and then sailed up the North River it marked the first chapter in Dutch influence which has produced two Presidents, Governors, Mayors and countless others who have contributed to the progress of American life.

The first settlers in 1624 left a few of their number on Manhattan Island and went on to establish Fort Orange along the upper reaches of the North River. It grew to Albany. Later arrivals established homes up and down

*Continued on page 4*



## IN ARMED FORCES

On the basis of information thus far received at the Secretary's office, seventy-four members of The Holland Society are serving in the nation's armed forces. They are scattered in all branches of the service at home and abroad.

In order that the record may be complete for the future, word of changes or additions should be sent to Headquarters, 90 West Street:

The roll:

### MEMBERS IN THE ARMED FORCES AS OF MARCH 25, 1943

Lieutenant Colonel John Bevier Ackerman  
Private Richard H. Amerman  
Lieutenant John De Witt Blauvelt  
Captain William Russell Bogert  
Lieutenant (j. g.) John Le Fey Brouwer, IV  
Flying Officer Ogden Brouwer, 3rd  
First Lieutenant Bailey Brower  
Commander Raymond S. Crispell  
Private Cornelius Christianity, Jr.  
Captain Alden de Hart  
Lieutenant Commander Joseph Rodman  
Drake de Kay  
Private Arthur Edwin Du Bois  
Second Lieutenant Garret James Garretson,  
2nd  
Private Alfred Hasbrouck  
Private Joseph O. Hasbrouck  
Captain Clarence P. Hendricks  
Captain Walter E. Hopper, Jr.  
First Lieutenant Eugene Hotaling  
Lieutenant William C. Keator, Jr.  
Lieutenant Donald B. Kipp, U. S. N. R.  
Captain John E. Ostrander, Jr.  
Private Curtis Poillon  
Lieutenant William Adriance Poillon  
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
Lieutenant Colonel James Roosevelt  
Ensign Henry Freylinghuysen Schenck  
Dr. Kenneth W. Schenk  
Captain Myron P. Schermethorn  
Major Oliver J. Schoonmaker  
Aviation Cadet Richard Austin Springs, Jr.  
Commander Steadman Teller  
Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Ten Eyck  
Lieutenant Commander William G.  
Terwilliger  
Captain Lee D. Van Antwerp  
Private William T. Van Arten, Jr.  
Lieutenant Commander Peter Van Brunt  
Private David T. L. Van Buren  
Lieutenant Arthur Brown Van Buskirk  
Sergeant Arthur A. Van Cleef  
Commander William H. Vanderbilt  
Lieutenant Halsted Billings Vander Poel  
Brigadier General George L. Van Deusen  
Lieutenant Colonel Elliott Vandevanter  
Lieutenant John Francis Van Deventer  
Lieutenant Commander Paul Beery Van  
Dyke  
Lieutenant Colonel Charles Rutan Van  
Etten  
Private Walter H. Van Hoesen, Jr.  
Warrant Officer Eugene Van Houten  
Leeds Van Kleek  
First Lieutenant, A. U. S., Dudley N. Van  
Kleek

First Lieutenant Eugene Merritt Van Loan,  
Jr.  
Private Robert C. Van Ness  
Lieutenant (j. g.) Duncan Van Norden  
Lieutenant Hoghland Van Norden  
Staff Sergeant Norman Wyckoff Van  
Nostrand, Jr.  
Ensign William Parks Van Nostrand  
Captain E. H. Van Patten  
Gerrit Wessel Van Schaick  
First Sergeant John Wyckoff Van Sielen  
Captain Raymond Van Tassel  
Lieutenant Colonel Horace S. Van Voast, Jr.  
Lieutenant William O. Van Wyck, Jr.  
Lieutenant (j. g.) Peter Van Dyke Voorhees  
Private Sherman P. Voorhees  
Major Albert L. Vreeland, U. S. A.  
Captain George E. Vreeland  
Colonel Herbert H. Vreeland, Jr.  
Yeoman Robert Harding Vreeland  
Lieutenant Theodore De Mott Vreeland  
First Lieutenant Daniel E. Westervelt  
Yeoman Robert S. Westervelt  
Private Stanley Westervelt  
Private Daniel W. Wynkoop  
Lieutenant William I. Zabriskie

### DUTCH IN AMERICA

*Continued from page 3*

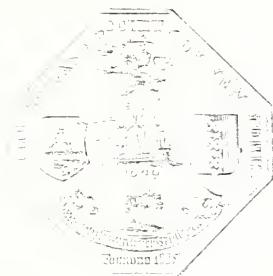
both sides of the river and spread over into Long Island. Staten Island and the Jersey shore from Pavonia to the North were colonized. The coming of the British in 1675 did not halt the march, because shortly after, and continuing for half a century, families of the second generation, mostly from Long Island, moved over to Raritan Bay and fanned out to north, west and south over what now takes in four or five New Jersey counties.

After the Revolution many veterans of Dutch descent received land grants from Congress. They left the banks of the Hudson to settle the wilderness beyond the Mohawk and with each move westward their descendants pushed along. The Middle Western States got many of them; others helped open Minnesota, and some trekked to California in the gold rush of 1849.

More than three hundred years of Dutch in America have produced enough material for a voluminous history that is still in the making and one in which Holland Society members are playing an important part just as their fathers before them.



DE HOLLAND-MAEN



QUARTERLY

CF

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK



# The Holland Society of New York

90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

*President:*  
Ottomar H. Van Norden

*Vice-Presidents:*

New York County .....	Fenton B. Turck, Jr.
Kings County .....	Harold E. Ditmars
Queens County .....	Donald K. Vanneman
Nassau County .....	Hugh G. Bergen
Westchester County .....	Warren J. Hoysradt
Dutchess County .....	John H. Dingman, M.D.
Ulster County .....	J. E. Hasbrouck, Jr.
Albany County .....	George W. Van Slyke
Schenectady County .....	William V. B. Van Dyck
Bergen County, N. J. ....	Theodore Van Winkle
Essex County, N. J. ....	Thomas E. Van Winkle
Passaic County, N. J. ....	Dr. Robert J. De Groat
Union County, N. J. ....	Walter H. Van Hoesen
Middlesex County, N. J. ....	Richard K. Hoagland
Monmouth County, N. J. ....	Cornelius Ackerson
Mercer County, N. J. ....	Raymond B. Voorhees
New England .....	Dr. George S. Van Riper
The South .....	Kingsland Van Winkle
Pacific Coast .....	Oz Van Wyck
United States Army .....	Colonel Arthur Poillon
United States Navy .....	Captain J. E. Ostrander, Jr.

*Treasurer:*  
Harold O. Voorhis

*Secretary:*  
Edward M. Van Buren, Jr.

*Domine:*  
Rev. Ernest R. Palen

*Trustees:*

Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. (1947)	Fenton B. Turck, Jr. (1944)
Frederick I. Bergen (1946)	Rufus Cole Van Aken (1947)
Francklyn Hoogboom (1947)	Warren J. Hoysradt (1945)
Jay Le Fevre (1946)	Walter H. Van Hoesen (1946)
Col. Leigh K. Lydecker (1945)	William T. Van Atten (1944)
Walter M. Meserole (1947)	John de C. Van Etten (1945)
Franklyn J. Poucher (1944)	George S. Van Schaick (1944)
Seth T. Cole (1944)	Frank H. Vedder (1946)
Rich'd Schermerhorn, Jr. (1945)	Ottomar H. Van Norden (1945)
Wilfred B. Talman (1946)	William Van Wyck (1947)

*Editorial Committee:*

W. H. Van Hoesen, Chairman	Charles A. Van Patten
F. H. Vedder, Vice-chairman	Max L. Van Norden
Wilfred B. Talman	James H. Lott
Stryker Williamson	Richard H. Amerman
Harry H. Van Aken	





NEW YORK CITY

NOVEMBER 1, 1943

## "Observations"

### Freedom for Holland

We are proud to hail the members of the Society who are in the armed forces. They have given up much to serve their country.

Today, with Holland under the heel of the conqueror and every human right curtailed, it is well to look back on the situation three hundred years ago. An Indian war had all but destroyed the Colony of New Netherland and the remnants of a panic stricken people crowded around the Fort for protection.

In those days pioneer Americans looked back to the peace and security of Holland. Holland, in her turn, now looks to us for emancipation.

This country owes much to the little nation of the Zuider Zee. From her came the great freedoms of Worship, Speech and Education. The time approaches when we will aid in restoring freedom to The Netherlands.

### Membership Gain

The membership of The Holland Society is gaining fast. At their last meeting the Trustees approved papers of twenty-eight new members and the re-instatement of eleven others.

Interest in the aims and principles for which the Society stands is worthy of the support of every eligible person. Each member should do his part by encouraging others to join and particularly to see that sons or other relatives in the armed forces make application.

### De Halve Maen

Members responded splendidly to the request for items of "Military Intelligence" and "Personal Mention". It is planned to continue these features and further reports will be welcomed. In addition members are urged to submit articles of interest with historical or genealogical background.

## Annual Banquet

The annual banquet of The Holland Society will be held in the Grand Ballroom of The Plaza, Fifth Avenue and 59th Street, on Thursday evening, November 18 and even at this early date it gives promise of attracting a record attendance.

Joseph C. Grew, former Ambassador to Japan, will be the speaker and recipient of the annual achievement medal award of the Society for eminence in the field of diplomacy. Dr. Alexander Loudon, Minister from the Netherlands, will be present.

The banquet committee, under chairmanship of Col. Leigh K. Lydecker, has arranged for an unusually fine program and selection of the medalist was under direction of Harold O. Voorhis. Early reservation is urged to meet war contingencies.

## Trustees' Meeting

An increase to the Society roster of thirty-nine resulted from action by the board of trustees in approving applications of twenty-eight new members and eleven who were re-instating, at the October meeting at the Metropolitan Club, this city, on the evening of October 14. It was reported that more than 100 members are on active military service.

The resignation of Charles L. Schenck as a trustee was accepted with regret. He is a former president of the Society and for years served as chairman of the finance committee before consideration of health forced curtailing of activities. Seth Toby Cole, of Catskill, N. Y., was elected to fill the vacancy as trustee and Trustee Frank H. Vedder was named to the finance committee by President Ottmar H. Van Norden.

A complete list of members in service, with rank and other data, is nearly complete, it was reported by Rufus Cole Van Aken, chairman of a special committee to compile such a record and maintain correspondence with them. Trustee Richard Schermerhorn, Jr., stated that the number of new members is at a peak and interest continues to grow.



# NEW YORK'S LIBERTY BELL

By REV. ERNEST R. PALEN  
President of The Holland Society

New York City has a Liberty Bell. It is not a bell that is the mecca of thousands of boys and girls each year who are interested in early American history and who journey to Philadelphia to see the original Liberty Bell there. People do not doff their hats and stand for a moment in awed silence as they pass New York City's Liberty Bell. Day after day, year after year, millions of loyal American citizens pass New York's Liberty Bell without knowing they are passing it. Each Sunday thousands of people listen to its "bong-bong" and think of it merely as another Church bell. High above the corner of Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street in the bell tower of the Saint Nicholas Collegiate Church hangs New York's Liberty Bell.

Naturally, New York's Liberty bell has a history. Its history answers the questions that come to our minds when we realize where the bell now hangs. It was dated in Amsterdam, Holland, in the year 1731 and made by two famous bell makers: De Gravoe and N. Muller. It was made on the order of Col. Abraham De Peyster. It is interesting to note that Col. De Peyster had ordered the bell several years prior to that date and that he, himself, had died in 1728 leaving instructions that the bell be completed and hung in the Church when the building was ready at Nassau and Liberty Streets. The bell contains the following inscription:

*"Me fecerunt De Gravoe et N. Muller,  
Amsterdam, Anno 1731. Abraham De  
Peyster, geboren (born) den 8, July, 1657,  
gestorven (died) den 8 Augustus, 1728.  
Een legaat aan de Nederduytsche Kerke,  
Nieuw York. (A legacy to the Low Dutch  
Church at New York.)"*

The story goes that early in the Revolutionary War when the British converted the Middle Church into a riding school for their dragoons by remov-

## Medalist Phelps Dies

William Lyon Phelps, 78, professor emeritus of English at Yale and nationally known literary figure, who received The Holland Society medal award in 1941, died at his home in New Haven, Conn., on August 22. The charm, wit and enthusiasm which marked his address of acceptance as a climax to the annual banquet at The Plaza are remembered yet by those who heard him.

## Constitution Day

The Society was represented by President Ottomar Van Norden at the Constitution Day rally of the New York Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, on September 17 on the steps of the Sub-Treasury, Wall Street, New York. He was escorted by William Van Wyck, our former president, who is vice-president of the Chapter. There was a large turnout of the Burgher Guard, under leadership of Rufus Cole Van Aken, to parade the Society colors.

ing the pulpit, gallery, pews, and flooring, a Mr. Oothout obtained permission from Commander-in-Chief, Lord Howe, to take down the bell. It was taken down and carried, if we can believe the story, to Carlisle, Pa. where it remained until some time after the British had evacuated the city. It was then brought back to New York and when Old Middle Church had been completely repaired and reopened it was restored to its place in the belfry. Here it remained until the Old Middle Church became a United States Post Office Building. It was then taken down and placed in the belfry of the new Middle Church just being completed at Lafayette Place and Fourth Street. Here it remained until a storm destroyed the belfry of that Church at which time it was placed in storage until the Collegiate Church at Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street was completed. It was then taken from storage and placed in its present position where it has been since 1866.

One of our Church historians, Dr. W. N. P. Dailey, lists some of the historical occasions on which the bell has rung:

"In 1734 it voiced the gratitude of the people in the establishment of the freedom of the press, brought about by Peter Zenger, a member of the Middle Dutch congregation. In 1756 it tolled for the disaster of Abercrombie at Ticonderoga. In 1775 it pealed forth the good news of the capture of Fort Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen. It was tolled for the death of George II in 1760 and rang when George III came to the throne. As early as 1764 it began to call the patriots together to discuss their rights and the question of taxes.

"It rang the challenge of the Sons of Liberty to the British soldiery, which led to the battle of Golden's Hill (John Street, near William). It rang for the Declaration of Independence July 9, 1776. Washington heard its peal at his inauguration in Federal Hall. It has tolled for the death of every President since."

Truly, New York City has a Liberty Bell of which it can be justifiably proud.

## Massing of Colors

The annual massing of the colors and religious service for patriotic societies at St. Thomas' Church on Fifth Avenue was held Sunday, October 10. President Ottomar Van Norden and Trustees Francklyn Hogeboom and William Van Wyck were in the reviewing stand for the parade and members of the Burgher Guard carried the colors led by Rufus Cole Van Aken.

## Philipse Manor

Philipse Manor on the Albany Post Road in North Tarrytown has been restored as a museum. The castle was built in 1683 by Frederick Philipsen Dutch merchant and First Lord of the Manor of Philipsburgh, extending from New York City to Croton-on-Hudson, by royal grant. It was occupied later by the Beekmans, van Cortlands, de Peysters and other landowners.



## Word of Australia

**Lewis B. Sebring, Jr.**, member of the Society and during the last year correspondent in the South Pacific for the Herald-Tribune (N. Y.), writes from Australia that our soldier boys are doing a splendid job.

"If I was to send a message to my fellow members of the Society it would be simply this: Get behind this thing and push with all your might, because it is going to last longer than we want it to otherwise," he says. "Buy war bonds, every one of them that can be obtained without losing your shirt; scout around and see where you fit in for some little extra war work; help the Red Cross, which is doing a great job overseas; see what you can do to make returned soldiers happier; get into the fight with your whole spirit."

Concerning himself, Mr. Sebring remarks:

"I am sorry not to have written before, but just at the time your letter arrived I was really up to my neck, and then early last month I got up to my ears in the tour around with Mrs. Roosevelt and now I am just getting out from under. I am afraid this is all very inconclusive, but at least I haven't forgotten and you'll probably hear too much from me when I get back. Remember me to the members, with the best of luck."

---

## Armed Forces

We are proud to add the following forty members of the Society to our list of those in the armed forces since the last issue of *De Halve Maen*, dated July 1, 1943:

Frederick W. Banta	Capt. Frank Perkins Stryker
Lt. William C. Banta, Jr.	Capt. J. Van Benschoten, Jr.
Lt. John Albert Bogart, Jr.	Lt. (i.g.) W. B. Van Benschoten
Wilson A. Britten	Corp. Edgar J. Van Bergen
William M. Conover	John Paul Vanderpoel
Lt. (i.g.) J. Cowenhoven, III	Lt. Com. P. G. Van der Poel
Clifford A. Crispell, Jr.	Corp. Wilson W. Van Duzer
Rodman Drake de Kay, Jr.	Roger H. Van Eps
William S. Decker, II	Capt. John Swinton Van Etten
Edward V. Dittmars	Lt. J. H. Van Ness
William S. Eltinge	Nicholas Varney Van Ness
Mortimer B. Hopper, Jr.	Lt. Langdon Van Norden
Lt. David Seth Hornbeck	Major E. V.B., Van Pelt
Robert Emerson Hornbeck	Corp. J. K. Van Vranken, Jr.
Lt. (i.g.) Richard A. Lydecker	Lt. Robert Van Winkle
Lt. (i.g.) Robert C. Lydecker	Thomas S. Van Winkle
Capt. John Walden Myer	William S. Van Winkle
Arthur Jacques Poillon	Lt. Irving Van Zandt, Jr.
Lt. Daniel Corbin Rapalje	George Bates Voorhis, Jr.
Lt. Richard Stillwell	William L. Zabriskie, Jr.

---

## Burgher Guard

The annual dinner meeting of the Burgher Guard will be held on the evening of Monday, Nov. 1, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 7th Ave. and 33rd St., with reception at 6:30, dinner at 7:15 and meeting at 8:30.

## Dutchess Branch Dines

The fifty-fourth annual dinner of the Dutchess County Branch held at the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie, on the evening of October 2 was attended by fifty-two members and guests. It was an outstanding success and as a first result three applications for membership have been received at Headquarters.

Dr. John H. Dingman, president of the branch, presided and the famous "Poucher's Punch" lent enthusiasm for the occasion. Following the dinner there was a program of speech making during which President Ottomar H. Van Norden brought greetings from the Society. Franklyn J. Poucher, a trustee, told of increased interest in Dutchess County and handed to President Van Norden the membership applications of John Van Benschoten, Jr., Wesley B. Van Benschoten and Clifford A. Crispell, Jr., all of whom are on active military service. A delegation from the Burgher Guard presented the Society banners.

Those present included Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, one of the oldest members of the Society; William Dutcher, who never seems to grow old; Walter Mesarole, another veteran and former secretary; Congressman Jay LeFevre; Robert Livingston; Dr. C. A. Crispell and John Van Benschoten.

---

## New Members

The Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership October 14, 1943 by the Trustees:

John Albert Bogart, Jr.	Harrison, N. Y.
Morse Burts	Englewood, N. J.
William Miller Collier	Auburn, N. Y.
Clifford Alex. Crispell, Jr.	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Rodman Drake de Kay, Jr.	Port Washington, N. Y.
Mortimer Bert. Hopper, Jr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
David Seth Hornbeck	Monticello, N. Y.
Robert Emerson Hornbeck	Monticello, N. Y.
Walter Hyer	Summit, N. J.
Richard Ackerman Lydecker	Chatham Township, N. J.
Robert Carpenter Lydecker	Glen Ridge, N. J.
Arthur Jacques Poillon	Lawrenceville, N. J.
Daniel Corbin Rapalje	New Brunswick, N. J.
Frank Perkins Stryker	Doylestown, Pa.
John Van Benschoten, Jr.	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Wesley Butts Van Benschoten	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
George Edward Vanderpoel	Rutherford, N. J.
John Paul Vanderpoel	Rutherford, N. J.
Wilson Welling Van Duzer	Middletown, N. Y.
John Swinton Van Etten	New York City
Nicholas Varney Van Ness	Framingham, Mass.
Langdon Van Norden	New York City
Robert Van Winkle	Rutherford, N. J.
Thomas S. Van Winkle	Rutherford, N. J.
William S. Van Winkle	Rutherford, N. J.
Lt. Irving Van Zandt, Jr.	Rutherford, N. J.
George Bates Voorhis, Jr.	Red Bank, N. J.
William I. Zabriskie, Jr.	New York City
	Upper Nyack, Nyack, N. Y.



# MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

**Captain John Van Benschoten, Jr.** of Poughkeepsie, is convalescing in an Australian hospital from wounds received in action. He and a brother, Wesley, also an officer in the Navy, met unexpectedly in Australia after they had not seen each other for two years and without either knowing in advance where the other was located. Both young men have just joined the Society.

**Captain Frank P. Stryker**, of Doylestown, Pa., another newly elected member of the Society, landed in North Africa on Nov. 8, where he had charge of unloading vessels. His last letter was written from Sicily, where he is a company commander of regimental headquarters.

**Captain John D. Blauvelt**, of Staten Island, has just completed a fiscal course in the U. S. Army Accounts Office at Indianapolis and is awaiting assignment in the field.

**David Hornbeck**, of Monticello, N. Y., newly elected member of the Society, has won a lieutenant's commission in the U. S. Army Air Corps and at last reports had completed twenty-eight missions over enemy territory. Before joining up in June, 1941, he served on British convoy ships and tried unsuccessfully to join the R.A.F. His brother, Robert, enlisted in the Navy in Dec. 1941.

**Major Albert L. Vreeland**, of East Orange, N. J., has been in the South Pacific area since February. He has written from Australia interesting descriptions of inspection tours to the fighting front.

**Brig. General George L. Van Deusen**, is commanding the Eastern Signal Corps Training Center, U. S. Army, which includes Fort Monmouth, Camp Wood and Camp Edison in New Jersey.

**Commander William H. Vanderbilt**, former Governor of Rhode Island, has been transferred from the Washington Office of Strategic Services to have charge of the office in San Francisco.

"Bill" **Van Atten, Jr.** has written to his father from Mexico that he is patrolling the border with a U. S. Cavalry unit and he is at home on either side of the Rio Grande.

**Col. Andrew Ten Eyck** has graduated from the War Department School of Military Government at Charlottesville, Va. and at last reports was attached to the Air Provost Marshall's Office of the Army Air Forces awaiting assignment abroad.

**Commander R. D. de Kay** is at sea in command of the U.S.S. Hammann. His son, Rodman D. Jr., is a private in the army at Fort McClellan, Ala.

**Lt. William O. Van Wyck, Jr.** has recovered from leg wounds received on the final day in the capture of Attu Island. He was flown by plane to Vancouver, where he received the Purple Heart medal and later spent a furlough in California.

**Col. John B. Ackerman** has transferred from the headquarters to a tactical unit of the Army Air Corps and at last reports was at Marietta Air Field, Ga.

**Capt. William R. Bogert**, who is in the Marine Corps, has been assigned to an aircraft engineering squadron at Cherry Point, N. C.

**Lt. Arthur B. Van Buskirk** has been in command of a quartermaster detachment with the Alaskan Defense Command for more than a year.

**Lt. Curtis Poillon** is stationed at Fort Riley, where he is training units of mechanized and horse cavalry.

**Lt. Irving W. Voorhees, Jr.**, who died in air battle over New Guinea last December, has been awarded the Air Medal and the Silver Star for bravery in action. They will be bestowed posthumously to his father, Dr. Irving W. Voorhees.

**Com. Raymond S. Crispell**, is Chief of Neuro-psychiatry at the Naval School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, Fla. and is awaiting assignment to an inspection tour of duty in the Pacific.

**Lts. Hoghland, Duncan and Langdon Van Norden**, sons of our Society's president, are all overseas with the armed forces.

**Major E. V. B. Van Pelt, Jr.** is in the Signal Corp stationed at Boston.

**Lt. (j.g.) Fred L. Hyer**, U.S.N.R., is stationed at the Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, San Pedro, Cal.

**Lt. Richard Stillwell**, U.S.N.R. is assigned to the Naval Air Combat Information School, Quonset Point, R. I.

**Pvt. William S. Eltinge** is stationed with the military police at Fort Meyer, Va.

**Com. William G. Terwilliger**, U.S.N.R., is serving as Deputy Medical Director of the War Shipping Administration.

**Capt. George E. Vreeland** is in Washington, D. C., attached to the Chemical Warfare Service.

**Lt. Peter V. D. Voorhees** is serving as assistant law officer in the Third Naval District sitting on court martial, handling real estate and other matters for the Coast Guard.

**Capt. John W. Myer** is classification officer at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center.

**Lt. Col. James Roosevelt** followed active service with the Marines in the Pacific battle zone by landing with the American troops on Kiska in the Aleutians. At last reports he was back in the United States awaiting another assignment.

**Corp. Walter H. Van Hoesen, Jr.**, is an instructor and research worker on fire control and mechanics at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.



# PERSONAL MENTION

**Herbert S. Ackerman**, of Ridgewood, N. J., writes that "the Ackerman Family Genealogy is nearing the finish line so step up and be counted if you have any data other than your Holland Society application."

**John P. Luyster** has sold the farm on Crawford's Corners Road, Middletown, N. J., which had been in the family since 1727, when Johannes Luyster moved over from Long Island. At a sale of household furniture and other items on October 2 the heirlooms offered included the silver spoon made by Jacob Bolen, silversmith of Nieuw Amsterdam, for Sarah Rapdale, first Dutch child born in the Province of New York.

**Marston T. Bogert**, of New York City, is directing the work of chemical experts in a search for new drugs to protect our military forces from malaria, leprosy and other tropical diseases. He is a member of the Chemical Referee Board of the Office of Production Research and Development of the War Production Board.

**Charles A. Van Patten**, of New York City, is interested in forming a Portuguese speaking group to meet at regular intervals and converse in the language as a means of furthering relations between the United States and Brazil.

**Samuel F. Newkirk, Jr.**, of Elizabeth, N. J., has been elected vice-president for 1943-44 of the American Water Works Association. He has been head of the city's municipal water system since 1941.

**Robert R. Livingston**, of Germantown, N. Y., is serving as chairman of the Columbia County War Price and Ration Board in addition to his duties at an aircraft warning station.

**Leonidas Westervelt**, of Douglaston, L. I., has received from the Royal Academy of Music at Stockholm its Jenny Lind commemorative medal presented through the Swedish Legation in Washington. The honor has been bestowed for his interest in the memory of Jenny Lind, as evidenced by a collection he has spent years in assembling.

**William Burgess Elmendorf**, who is 87, writes from Albany of his interest in The Holland Society. A former Vice-President from Albany County, he says grandsons are doing his work in the war effort.

**Charles King Van Riper**, of Vineyard Haven, Mass., is putting in full time directing the building of ship models for the Government's fighting and shipbuilding programs.

**Rev. John R. Voris**, of New York, spent two months this summer on a trip to England to inspect British nurseries supported by the America Save the Children Federation and study post war relief rehabilitation plans. He went across by bomber and returned by clipper under sponsorship of the British Ministries of Information and Health.

**H. Gail Davis**, of South Bend, Ind., is at work

on a biography of Capt. Christopher "Kit" Davis, who located in Albany about 1638 and became one of Ulster County's first white settlers. He will be glad to hear from members with data or suggestions and has promised a copy of his work for the Society records.

**Andrew J. Provost, Jr.**, of Noroton, Conn., has finished compiling and issued *The Titus Family of Long Island and Dutchess County and The Hendrickson Family of Long Island*, copies of each coming to the Society library. He has designed several sanitary works for Government ordnance plants and advised on embarkation camp.

**Albert S. Heyer and Mrs. Heyer**, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., enjoyed a cruise this summer from Montreal down the St. Lawrence River and the picturesque Saguenay River.

**Douglas Vanderhoof**, of Richmond, Va., who voices pride in his Holland Society membership, writes that he is a retired physician interested in farming, poultry raising, Community Chest, Red Cross, Civilian Defense and church work in addition to serving on the boards of a bank, medical school, museum of fine arts and a welfare foundation.

**Harry H. Van Aken**, of New York City, vacationed last summer at Big Bear Club in the Adirondacks and actually caught bass and a Great Nonchin pike.

**William Y. Westervelt** has been at Joplin, Mo., for the last year as special advisor to the Director of Mineral Resources of the War Production Board working on increased zinc production.

**William C. DeWitt**, city historian of Kingston, N. Y. has completed a "History of Kingston, Roundout and Vicinity," a 450-page book with a dozen illustrations. It is a story of Kingston and surrounding towns and villages for the last 120 years, with the growth and development of industries, etc., up to the present time.

**Hiram B. D. Blauvelt**, following return from a year's absence in Africa on a Government mission, has been active again as president of the Demarest Family Association in further restoration of the old Demarest House and adding to the museum. He is eager to hear from any of the Demarest descendants who wish to help.

**William Van Wyck**, past president and a trustee of the Society, has been elected president of the New York Chapter, Sons of the Amsterdam Revolution.



# THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN NEW NETHERLAND

**May 19, 1643.** The English Colonies of Massachusetts, Plymouth, New Haven and Connecticut have formed an offensive and defensive Federation under the title, "The United Colonies of New England."

**June 14, 1643.** La Montagne's bouwerie in Harlem known as Vredendael is leased to Bout Francken.

**June 18, 1643.** Director Kieft has ordered "all Tapsters and other inhabitants, from now henceforth, not to sell directly or indirectly by themselves or others," any liquors to Indians.

**July 3, 1643.** Andries Rouloffs, chief boatswain, has charge of the weighing at the warehouse of the West India Company.

**July 6, 1643.** Andries Hudde receives a ground-bribe for his home and garden. (42 Broadway)

**July 20, 1643.** Director General Kieft has dispatched a sloop to Boston, with letters written in Latin, complaining of the encroachments of the English on our Dutch possessions at Fort Good Hope (Hartford) and asking whether they (the English) are our friends or enemies.

**July 20, 1643.** The recent peace, concluded three months ago with the River Indians, has been broken. Pacham, chief of the Tankitekes, who live at Haverstraw, has visited many Indian villages and urged the Indians to rise and massacre the Dutch. The Chiefs are dissatisfied with the presents given them at the signing of the recent peace.

**July 27, 1643.** The governor of Massachusetts (Winthrop) has replied to Governor Kieft's letter expressing sorrow for the troubles at Hartford and suggesting that in so vast a continent as America, Protestants should not quarrel over a small piece of land.

**August 7, 1643.** The Wappingers, residing along the Hudson, have attacked an open boat coming from Fort Orange. They murdered one of the crew, Willem Cornelissen, and seized 400 beaver skins. Two other boats were seized and their cargoes confiscated shortly afterwards. Altogether nine Christians have lost their lives and a woman and two children been taken captive. Six Indians were killed in these encounters.

**Sept. 1643.** The greatest terror prevails everywhere. Pavonia, Achter Col (Newark Area), the greater part of Manhattan and the most of Long Island are in the hands of the enemy, now consisting of seven different tribes, estimated at 1500 warriors.

Mrs. Anne Hutchinson, her son and family and the families of Mr. Throgmorton and Mr. Cornhill, to the extent of eighteen people have been murdered. Lady Moody's bouwerie at Gravesend was heavily attacked but resisted successfully. The Indians have attacked the outposts of Fort Amsterdam on several occasions and Ensign Van Dyck was wounded. The entire Dutch defense force consists of no more than 300 settlers and fifty to sixty soldiers, with little powder and lead while Fort Amsterdam is "open to the enemy

day and night" and, "is little better than a ruin around whose crumbling walls helpless women and children huddle together in huts of straw."

**Sept. 2, 1643.** Pieter Colet has purchased from Adriaen Pietersen his home and plantation in Manhattan on the North River.

**Sept. 7, 1643.** The English Commissioners of the United Colonies, at a meeting held at Boston, have questioned the Dutch title to the Hartford area and have complained of the hostile and oppressive conduct of the Dutch toward the English on the South (Delaware) river and have demanded satisfaction for the injuries complained of.

**Sept. 13, 1643.** Director General Kieft, in this hour of peril, has called all citizens to meet at the Fort and to elect "from among themselves five or six persons" who shall "consider the critical circumstances of the country". Eight men were actually chosen as a result of this meeting.

**Sept. 15, 1643.** The representatives of the people (The Eight Men) have met and, after a stormy meeting, have recommended the raising of as large an armed force as the Free men can pay for. They have also ordered religious exercises, with preaching, for the space of one week.

**Sept. 16, 1643.** Director Kieft has raised a corps of between fifty and eighty men who have sworn "fidelity to the High and Mighty Lords, the States General, the Prince of Orange, the West India Company, and the Director and Council of New Netherland" and "to sacrifice their lives in their and the Country's service and obey the Director as dutiful officers and soldiers are bound to do."

**Sept. 17, 1643.** A force of five soldiers stationed "behind the Cul" (Newark Bay) has been attacked and driven out after a desperate resistance. Another small force in the same neighborhood have all been murdered. Aert Theunissen, a planter of Hoboken, has been surprised and murdered while trading at Bearcat (Barnegat) outside Sandyhook.

**Oct. 1, 1643.** Governor Kieft has convened the Eight Men and has recommended to them that we appeal to the Colony of New Haven for an equipped force of 150 men and to meet the expenses of the expedition that we give them a mortgage, in the amount of \$10,000.00, with the City of New Amsterdam as collateral.

## Old Dutch Houses

The syndicate which sponsored the publication of two large volumes on old Dutch houses of the Hudson River regions has acquired all outstanding unsold copies of the second book, both of the special Holland Society edition and the publisher's edition, and has them for sale at \$10.00 a copy, plus postage and insurance. Those interested should communicate with Mr. Arthur R. Wendell, Vice-Chairman of the syndicate, c/o The Wheatena Corporation, Rahway, N. J.



# OLD DUTCH FAMILIES

by Richard Schermerhorn, Jr.

Nearly every Dutch family has its particular hero; some have several and others a greater number. A series of articles has been suggested to deal with those which are not so well known in history.

The following concerns the Van Ness family and some of its outstanding members:

Cornelis Hendrickse Van Ness, the pioneer ancestor of this family, was born about 1600 and died soon after 1684. He came to this country shortly before 1642, having been engaged by Patroon Van Rensselaer with several others to establish farms in Rensselaerswyck. He was Councilor of the Colony of Rensselaerswyck, 1652-1664 and was Commissary or Magistrate in 1655 and 1666 and undoubtedly other years. His name appears very frequently in early records, his early estate having been in the locality later known as Greenbush, Rensselaer County.

Of his three sons, Hendrick, Gerrit and Jan, the descendants of Hendrick and Jan were those who left male issue. Gerrit was apparently a prominent citizen of Albany, and served as Alderman 1687-1702. Jan settled at "Half Moon" (the neighborhood around the junction of the Mohawk Hudson Rivers now designated as Waterford). He had large holdings in this locality and his sons' families, as well, were very large property owners, one of them settling the district now known as Hoosic Falls.

The descendants of Hendrick, the oldest son of Cornelius, born about 1639; died about 1717, were the most numerous and these have furnished many Van Ness' of considerable prominence, as follows:

William Van Ness—1711-90 of Claverack—Officer of Colonial

## PRINCE OF ORANGE-NASSAU

To obtain a clear conception of the origin of the title of the "Founder of the Dutch Republic" it is necessary to go back to two widely separated localities. One was the town of Nassau on the river Lahn in the vicinity of Siegen in what is now Germany. The other was a small independent principality, called Orange, existing from the time of Charlemagne and located in the section of France now known as the Department of Vaucluse.

The Nassau line starts with Drutivin, who owned land near the town of Nassau and built a castle on it. He died in 1076. One of his descendants, known as Walram, assumed the title of Count of Nassau under the German king and died in the year 1198. Walram's grandsons, Walram and Otto, divided the land which they had inherited. Otto took the portion located on the right bank of the river Lahn, using Siegen as his capitol. It is from this branch of the Nassau family that Count William of Nassau-Dillenburg and his son, William the Silent are descended.

The first Prince of Orange of record was William le Cornet, who lived during the latter part of the eighth century. In the year 1174 Bertrand

Troops—French & Indian Wars.

John Van Ness—1732-1776—of Dutchess Co.—Capt. in early wars and Colonel during Revolution; Delegate to Provincial Convention—1775.

Peter Van Ness—1734-1804—of Kinderhook — Colonel in Revolution; Judge of Court of Common Pleas; Member of Council of Appointment; Member of Colonial Legislature; Senator; owner of estate later acquired by Pres. Martin Van Buren and by latter termed "Lindenwald"; Presidential Elector.

David Van Ness—1743-1818—of Dutchess County; Captain in the Line during Revolution; later Major and General; State Assemblyman; Presidential Elector; State Senator; owner of "Maizefield" (built 1735), Red Hook, Dutchess County; fine old residence still standing.

John P. Van Ness—1769-1846—of Kinderhook & Washington, D. C.; Lawyer; Congressman; Major of Militia, later Brig. General and Major General; Alderman, Washington; Mayor of Washington; President of the Bank of the Metropolis, Washington; had high social position in Washington.

William P. Van Ness—1778-1826—of Kinderhook & New York; Noted Lawyer; Judge of Court of Common Pleas; Judge of U. S. Circuit Court; friend of Aaron Burr and his Second in duel with Alexander Hamilton.

Cornelius P. Van Ness—1782-1852—of Kinderhook and Burlington, Vermont; Postmaster of Burlington; Collector of Customs; State Boundary Commissioner; Assemblyman; Justice of Supreme Court; Governor of Vermont in 1823 and twice re-elected; Minister to Spain.

Cornelius Van Ness (son of above Cornelius)—1803-1848; Lawyer; Secy. of Legation at Spain; Member of Congress; (settled in Texas).

William W. Van Ness—1755-1823—of Claverack—Surrogate of Columbia County—Assemblyman; Judge of Supreme Court; County Delegate to Convention; "a man of giant intellect, who ranked first and prominent of the great men of the nation" (grandson of foregoing William Van Ness).

The Van Ness family of New Jersey is descended from Simon Van Ness, son of Hendrick and grandson of the first settler. A Peter Van Ness belonging to this family who lived at Fairfield, Essex County, N. J., seems to have been a prominent individual in his section. He served as Captain in the Revolutionary army.

de Baux became Prince of Orange, the title remaining in the family for nine generations. In 1393 Marie de Baux, who had inherited the title, married John de Chalons. He became Prince of Orange-Chalons and was succeeded by four generations in the male line, ending with Prince Philibert (1502-1530).

Philibert had no children and was succeeded by his nephew, Rene of Nassau-Chalons, son of his sister, Claudia, and Henry, Count of Nassau. Rene died in 1544 without issue and his titles, including Orange, and also his possessions passed by devise to his first cousin William later surnamed "The Silent". He was the eldest son of William, Count of Nassau-Dillenburg, a younger brother of Henry, the husband of Claudia and the father of Rene of Nassau-Chalons. This arrangement involving the principedom of Orange and the large holdings in the Netherlands of the Nassau family was sanctioned by the Emperor Charles V, on condition that William's parents waive all claims as guardians of their son and that he be educated in the Netherlands as a Catholic. William's mother was a Lutheran and his father had partially accepted that faith.



# IN MEMORIAM

## JACOB R. WORTENDYKE

Jacob R. Wortendyke, a member of The Holland Society since 1905 and vice-president for Hudson County in 1910, died at his home in Maplewood, N. J., on July 2. He was a descendant of one of the oldest families in the Bergen section of Jersey City. After a long career he retired in 1937 as assistant cashier of the First National Bank, Jersey City.

## ABRAHAM POLHEMUS

Abraham Polhemus, who joined The Holland Society in 1887, two years after its formation, died at his home in Newton Centre, Mass., on July 12 after a brief illness. His widow is still living at the age of ninety years and last May they observed their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary.

## CORNELIUS C. VERMEULE, Jr.

Cornelius C. Vermeule, Jr., former acting director of the New Jersey State Public Works Administration and a civil engineer, died August 6 in his forty-seventh year. He joined The Holland Society in 1920 as a life member. When the first World War broke out he left Princeton to join the Army and rose to a captaincy. He returned in 1920 to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree and then joined his father's engineering firm in New York.

## DELBERT JAMES HAFF

Delbert James Haff, who went to Kansas City in 1886 after graduating from law school, died August 10 after a brilliant career in his adopted city. He joined The Holland Society in 1935. Mr.

Haff was one of the founders of Kansas City's park system and a leader in its development. He was a trustee of the Fine Arts Society, promoted symphony orchestras and at one time he was candidate for mayor of Kansas City.

## CHARLES B. VAN VALEN

Charles B. Van Valen, of Newark, N. J., a member of The Holland Society since 1912 and a real estate broker in New York for more than forty years, died on Sept. 15. He was born in New York and lived in Newark from the time he was eight years old. He was a former trustee of the Roseville Presbyterian Church in Newark.

## SAMUEL H. WANDELL

Samuel Henry Wandell, 83, former New York lawyer, author of several books on law and co-author of a biography of Aaron Burr, died September 25 at his home in Mexico, N. Y. He joined The Holland Society in 1892 and had been an assistant corporation counsel of New York City from 1929 until retirement last June. He was born in Oswego, N. Y. and was admitted to the bar in 1882.

## WILLIAM C. JOHNSON

William Colet Johnson, 67, insurance executive, writer and lecturer, died suddenly October 7. A native of Sag Harbor, L. I., and a member of The Holland Society since 1904, he had resided for years in Brookline, Mass. He introduced the use of non-medical life insurance and the non-cancellable health policy in addition to helping prepare reform legislation for insurance companies in New York State.

## On Our Book Shelf

The Society has received the following acquisitions to its Library:

### By gift and exchange:

From Collegiate Reformed Church: Year Book for 1943.  
From C. V. Compton: Comptonoloy, August, 1943.  
From Cornell University Library: New York Historical Source Studies: Supervisors' Proceedings of Various Counties of N. Y., by A. H. Wright; A Check List of the County Atlases of N. Y., by A. H. Wright and W. W. Ellis.  
From Francklyn Hoogboom: Vanderbilt's Social History of Flatbush, Bangs' Reminiscences of Old New Utrecht and Gowanus.  
From Kentucky State Historical Society: The Register, July, 1943.  
From The Knapp Family Association of America: Bulletin, October, 1943.  
From Walter M. Miserole: 43 Holland Society Year Books and Collections. 14 Genealogical and Historical Society publications; 21 Travel books descriptive of Europe in 1920's; 5 Brooklyn and New York City Manuals; 3 books on local history; 2 books on American Revolution; A Coutant Genealogy; Signals from the Stars, by George E. Hale (1931 Medalist); History of the School of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church (1853).  
From Michigan Historical Commission: Michigan History, Spring and Summer, 1943.  
From Minnesota Historical Society: Minnesota History, June, 1943.  
From The New Canaan Historical Society: Annual, June, 1943.  
From Genealogical Society of New Jersey: The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey for July and October, 1942.  
From New Jersey Historical Society: Proceedings, July, 1943.  
From The New York Historical Society: Quarterly Bulletin,

July, 1943. List of 500 Portraits of Men, by Pirie MacDonald, at the New York Historical Society.

From New York State Historical Association: New York History, July, 1943.

From The New York Trust Company: Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, by Rodman Gilder.

From The University of the State of New York: War Records Handbook, August, 1943.

From Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio: Quarterly Bulletin, June, 1943.

From The Historical Society of Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania Magazine, July, 1943.

From Andrew J. Provost, Jr.: The Hendrickson Family of Long Island. The Titus Family of Long Island and Dutchess County, N. Y.

From Smithsonian Institution: Annual Report of the American Historical Association for 1936, Vol. III and for 1941, Vol. II. From California State Society Sons of the Revolution: The Bulletin, April-June, 1943.

From Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York: Reports and Proceedings, July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943.

From Steven D. Sprong: Two commemorative medals, and a police badge dated 1849.

From Staten Island Historical Society: The Staten Island Historian, April-June, 1943.

From Harold V. B. Voorhis: Pioneer to the Past—The Story of James Henry Bredast, Archaeologist. Told by his son, Charles Bredast (1943).

From Clifford A. Wiltsie: The Order of The Purple Heart, published by the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Ohio (1943).

From The Wyckoff Association in America: Report of the 7th Annual Meeting, April 3, 1943.



---

Organized in 1885 "to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse"; composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

---



de  
**Halve Maen**



*The*  
**HOLLAND SOCIETY**  
VOL. XIX • No. 2



*of* NEW YORK  
APRIL, 1944

# The Holland Society of New York

90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

*President:*

Ottmar H. Van Norden

*Vice-Presidents:*

New York County	Frank H. Vedder
Kings County	A. Lloyd Lott
Queens County	Howard D. Springsteen
Suffolk County	Ferdinand L. Wyckoff
Nassau County	George D. Van Houten
Westchester County	Irving B. Lydecker
Dutchess County	John H. Dingman, M.D.
Ulster County	J. E. Hasbrouck, Jr.
Albany County	C. Reeve Vanneman
Schenectady County	William V. B. Van Dyck
Bergen County, N. J.	Theodore Van Winkle
Essex County, N. J.	Frederick A. Lydecker
Passaic County, N. J.	Dr. Robert J. De Groot
Union County, N. J.	Frederick C. Hyer
Middlesex County, N. J.	Richard K. Hoagland
Monmouth County, N. J.	Harold V. B. Voorhis
Mercer County, N. J.	Raymond B. Voorhees
New England	Dr. George S. Van Riper
The South	Kingsland Van Winkle
Pacific Coast	Ozé Van Wyck
United States Army	Col. Arthur Poillon
United States Navy	Capt. J. E. Ostrander, Jr.

*Treasurer:*

Harold O. Voorhis

*Secretary:*

Harold E. Ditmars

*Domine:*

Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen

*Trustees:*

Hon. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. (1947)	Wilfred B. Talman (1946)
Frederick I. Bergen (1946)	Rufus Cole Van Aken (1947)
Seth Toby Cole (1948)	William T. Van Atten (1948)
Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr. (1946)	Ed. M. Van Buren, Jr. (1945)
Franklyn Hogeboom (1947)	John de C. Van Eeten (1945)
Col. Leigh K. Lydecker (1945)	Walter H. Van Hoosen (1946)
Walter M. Miserole (1947)	Ottmar H. Van Norden (1945)
Franklyn J. Poucher (1948)	Hon. Geo. S. Van Schaick (1948)
Rich'd Schermerhorn, Jr. (1945)	William Van Wyck (1947)
Henry R. Sutphen (1948)	Frank H. Vedder (1946)

*Editor:*

Walter H. Van Hoesen

*Editorial Committee:*

F. H. Vedder, Vice-Chairman	Charles A. Van Patten
Wilfred B. Talman	Max L. Van Norden
Stryker Williamson	James H. Lott
Harry H. Van Aken	Richard H. Amerman



NEW YORK CITY

APRIL, 1944

## Vandegrift Medalist at Annual Meeting

Lt. General Alexander A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps and hero of fighting at Guadalcanal and other places in the South Pacific, was awarded a special achievement medal for distinguished military service, at the fifty-ninth annual meeting of The Holland Society of New York in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Plaza, Fifth Avenue and 59th Street, on the evening of April 6.

The accomplishments of General Vandegrift during a long military career were reviewed by Dr. Harold O. Voorhis, treasurer of The Society and President Ottmar Van Norden bestowed the medal. In an address of acceptance General Vandegrift spoke in high praise of the country's fighting forces and expressed confidence in the outcome of the war, although stressing the bitter struggle yet ahead.

President Van Norden and the other officers reported by the nominating committee were elected unanimously at the business session. The report of the secretary summarized the activities of the Society during the year, with a record of 27 deaths and a net membership gain of 37. There

was a moment of silence for the departed and a toast for the 131 members who are in the military forces.

Reports of the treasurer and other officers showed the Society's affairs to be in excellent condition. Committee chairmen were announced by President Van Norden, who invited members to volunteer for work and referred particularly to the desire for assistance in enrolling eligibles under direction of Trustee Frank H. Vedder, chairman of membership.

In addition to the medalist and officers of the Society those seated on the dais were Brigadier General George H. Van Deusen and past presidents, including Arthur H. Van Brunt, who headed the organization in 1920-21 and has been a member since 1885. Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, former domine of the Society, offered the invocation.

In advance of the meeting the nearly 300 members and guests renewed acquaintances at a reception which preceded dinner. The Society flags and the beaver were paraded by members of the Burgher Guard under leadership of Trustee Rufus Cole Van Aken.

## New Trustees

At the Spring meeting of the Trustees of The Society in the Metropolitan Club on the evening of March 9, Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., of Plainfield, N. J. and Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr., of Modena, N. Y., were elected to fill vacancies resulting from the death of Warren J. Hoysradt, of Bronxville, N. Y. and the resignation of Jay Le Fevre, of New Paltz, N. Y., whose duties as a member of Congress prevent continuance of his activities, he informed the board.

A resolution extolling the virtues of Mr. Hoysradt was presented by Trustee Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. and unanimously adopted by a rising vote in silence. A copy was ordered sent to members of his family. Mr. Van Buren is retiring as secretary of The Society after serving for three years.

(Continued on Page Two)

## Jersey Dinner

The seven county branches of The Society in New Jersey sponsored a joint dinner meeting at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, on Monday evening, March 6, in place of the various functions which would have been held except for wartime conditions. Sixty members, including officers of the parent society, enjoyed what was declared to be a most enjoyable affair.

Judge Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., of the New Jersey Circuit Court, a former president of The Society, kindled the enthusiasm of all those present by a stirring address on the principles and ideals of ancestry which stem from the Dutch settlers of New Netherland. He pictured the typical Dutchman of that area whom the late Dr. Henry Van Dyke had in mind when he composed one of his best known poems.

(Continued on Page Two)

# REFLECTIONS OF A MEMBER

By ARTHUR H. VAN BRUNT

**(Ed Note.** This is the second article by Mr. Van Brunt concluding his reminiscences of the early days of our society).

After the death of Judge Van Vorst, the first president of the Society, succeeding incumbents were limited to one year of service. I had been treasurer a couple of years when I became convinced that at the end of his first term the president had just about become familiar with his duties when his term expired and a new president had to assimilate these matters all over again. I tried to get the trustees to adopt a resolution that it was their best judgment that an efficient president should be continued in office for a second term, but the one-term tradition was too strong and they failed to act.

I had to bide my time and it was not until 1914, when I was chairman of the nominating committee, that I got my chance. I then proposed the renomination of William L. Brower, who had been a fine president. At the outset the other four members of the committee were against this, but after

we had spent more than an hour discussing the matter, the vote was three to two in favor of Mr. Brower's nomination and he was reelected at the annual meeting without opposition. This worked so well that since that time all of our presidents who were willing to serve were given a second term.

After serving more than twenty years as treasurer (1898-1919) I declined renomination and the following year I was elected to the Presidency. My two years administration was uneventful and devoted chiefly to urging the establishment of branches. The Poughkeepsie Branch had been in operation for many years and I had attended many of their dinners. I noticed, at the Parent Society functions, that the attending Poughkeepsie representatives always had a nucleus who knew each other well and they seemed to have a much better time than the representatives from other districts.

I am very much pleased that my efforts in that direction have borne fruit and the Society now has a number of successful branches.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership March 9-4 by the Trustees (names of proposer and seconder noted in that order):

James Hervey Ackerman .....	Plainfield, N. J.
Benjamin Lewis Blauvelt .....	White Plains, N. Y.
Thomas Bingham Hornbeck .....	Newburgh, N. Y.
Leigh Kent Lydecker, Jr. ....	Maywood, N. J.
George Strout Colyer Newkirk .....	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Jacob Wessel Ten Broek .....	Hudson, N. Y.
George Walter Terwilliger, II .....	Memphis, Tenn.
Christopher Tusten Van Duzer .....	Warwick, N. Y.
Percy Lyle Van Nuis .....	New Brunswick, N. J.
Norman Van Voorhis .....	Rome, N. Y.
Edwin Voorhees Vedder, Jr. ....	Schoharie, N. Y.

## WEEKLY LUNCHEONS

The weekly luncheon gathering of members able to attend are now held on Tuesdays at 12:15 o'clock in the dining hall of the New York State Chamber of Commerce building in Liberty Street. Usually a dozen or more members gather to enjoy the brief social period and discuss Society activities.

## NEW COVER DESIGN

Through the generosity of John A. Bogart, who prepared the design and arranged for the other details, De Halve Maen appears with a new cover starting with this issue. It is one evidence of the strong interest among members in the Society's official quarterly.

## NEW TRUSTEES—(Continued from Page One)

After discussion the board decided by a majority vote not to proceed at this time with the suggested formation of a junior society in which the sons of active or deceased members might be enrolled up to the age of 18 years. A proposed amendment to the constitution stipulated that initiation fees would be waived at the time of accepting transfer into the parent Society.

A budget for the year was considered at length and adopted with several economy measures recommended by the finance committee as necessary to offset loss of revenue from the dues which are waived for 131 members in the military service.

## JERSEY DINNER—(Continued from Page One)

Ottomar H. Van Norden, president of The Society, told of its aims and purposes and the desirability of adding to the membership. He paid tribute to the one hundred and thirty-one members in military service. Harold O. Voorhis, treasurer of The Society and former President Walter M. Meserole also spoke. One of the honored guests was Brigadier General George L. Van Deusen, commander of Fort Monmouth at Red Bank, N. J., who expressed his pride at being a member of The Society.

The toastmaster was Walter H. Van Hoesen, vice-president from Union County and a trustee of The Society. He introduced the vice-presidents of the other branches. The arrangements were in charge of a committee composed of Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., secretary of The Society, Cornelius Ackerson, vice-president for Monmouth county, and George B. Wendell, secretary for Union County.

# RECALLS ORIGIN OF HUTSPOT

J. WILSON POUCHER, M. D.

One of the things I have enjoyed more than anything else during the long, busy years of my life is my fifty-four years of membership in The Holland Society and the associations it has brought me with the finest group of men I have ever known anywhere.

It was away back in 1890 when I joined our grand society. That was the year the Dutchess County Branch was formed. The occasion was a farewell dinner given Peter Deyo, one of the members, who was leaving for the Far West. The fifteen members present included Frank Hasbrouck, I. R. Adriance, William A. Adriance, Charles G. Dow, Edward Ellsworth, Frank Van Kleeck, John E. Adriance, Rev. A. P. Van Giesen, Jerome V. Deyo, Irving Elting, Edward Storm, Theodore Van Kleeck, and Edward Van Kleeck. They have all passed away, but every man of them has left an enviable mark behind in Dutchess County.

We enjoyed this dinner so much that we decided to make it an annual affair, and selected the

third of October, as that was the anniversary of the raising of the siege of Leyden in 1574 when William of Orange opened the dykes and let the sea flood the Spanish soldiers' camps. When on a visit in Leyden in 1906, I found in a museum a recipe for the hutspot which, it is said, the Spaniards left when they fled in too big a hurry to stop to eat the dinner they had all prepared. It served as a fine meal for the starving Leydens. This hutspot has been served at all our dinners since.

I shall never forget the many times The Holland Society has honored me. I served as Vice-President of the Dutchess County Branch most of the time from 1911 to 1923, and as a trustee from 1923 to 1942. Then, when I felt obliged to resign as trustee because of blindness from cataracts and debility from my many years, they again did me an honor by appointing my son to my place as trustee. I believe he will not be a disappointment, as he has grown up in The Holland Society from a child.

## THE VOORLEEZER

The Voorleezer was a very important official in the Reformed Church of New Amsterdam. As clerk on Sundays before the minister entered the pulpit, he took his place at the desk in front of the high "preaching chair", as it was called, and opened the services by announcing and reading a verse from the psalms. He then led the congregation in singing it, which gave him the title of fore singer.

After the singing the Voorleezer first read the ten commandments or the creed and then a portion of the scriptures. In the meantime the preacher had ascended the pulpit, a verse was again sung and the Voorleezer went to his seat in the pew set apart for the consistory. When the sermon, which usually lasted an hour and a half, was half finished the minister announced a psalm verse, the fore singer returned to his desk and led the singing, while the deacons went around with the "bell" to gather in the collections.

At the close of the services the Voorleezer again led in singing and the minister dismissed the congregation with a benediction.

During weekdays the Voorleezer taught school and was at the same time catechiser. If there was

no minister he took the place of a local pastor in all respects except baptizing of children and administering of the Lord's Supper. Neither was he allowed to ascend the pulpit and so read the sermon from his desk when the minister was unable to be present. On such occasions an hour glass stood on the desk and when the sand had run from the upper into the lower hollow he suspended services and dismissed the congregation.

The Voorleezer officiated as bell ringer, kept the church records, took care of the communion set, which his wife cleaned, looked after the bier and the pall, acted as bookkeeper for the deacons and also served as Aanspreker or funeral director, in which capacity he kept the records of the dead. It was the custom to pay a fixed salary to the Voorleezer for some of the many services and in other cases fees were charged.

One of the first Voorleezers of record was Reynier Bastianus Van Giesen, who is believed to have come from Utrecht in the Netherlands. He lived for awhile at Midwout, on Long Island and then removed to Bergen, where he served as Voorleezer from 1665 to 1707. He was regarded as a learned man and his counsel was sought and accepted with great respect.

## Memorial Service

The fourth annual memorial service for departed members of the Society was held at the Middle Collegiate Church, Second Avenue and Seventh street, Sunday morning, March 5. Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Paden, the pastor and domine of the Society, was in charge and his sermon included a eulogy of the departed.

The service was largely attended by President Ottmar H. Van Norden, officers and members in respect to the memory of the twenty-six men who died during the year. Members of the Burgher Guard assisted as ushers under direction of Trustee Rufus Van Aken.

## Military Intelligence

The following members have joined the armed forces to bring the total to 131:

**Leigh Kent Lydecker, Jr., Virgil B. DeWitt, John F. Van Vranken, Frank B. Vanderbeek, M. D., Frederick D. Suydam and George Walter Terwilliger, II.**

**Arthur Brown Van Buskirk**, an active member of the Burgher Guard until he entered the service, has been advanced to a captaincy, according to advice from his father, Arthur S. Van Buskirk of Keyport, N. J.

**Dr. Frank B. Vanderbeek** is now a first lieutenant in the U. S. Medical Corps on service overseas.

**N. V. Van Ness** writes from Arizona that he is an air cadet in training for bombardier service and that one thing he looks forward to is De Halve Maen with its news of Society activities.

**Dr. Irving W. Voorhees**, a life member of the Society, has received the Air Medal and Silver Star awarded posthumously to his son, Lt. Irving W. Voorhees, Jr., who died in November, 1942, while leading his fighter squadron against the enemy over New Guinea.

**Edward V. Ditmars** has finished his course of instruction at the Sheepshead Bay Station of the U. S. Marine School and has been assigned to service at sea.

**Ralph A. Sayres**, after active service as chief petty officer in the Navy, has received an honorable discharge for medical reasons.

**Eugene van Houten**, active in the Burgher Guard until entering the service, sends word to his father, George D. van Houten, also a member of The Society, that he has been placed in command of a mine planter on which he has been serving somewhere in the Pacific. He is a warrant officer and would like to hear from his friends. His address is W.O.E. van Houten, W-2101270, 3rd. C.A.M.P. Battery, c/o Postmaster 836, New Orleans.

**Lt. John A. Bogart, Jr.** U. S. Army Air Corps., of Harrison, N. Y., who was shot down over Italy last summer in a B-24 Liberator Bomber, has fully recovered from his injuries and assigned to Lowry Field, Denver. Lt. Bogart was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He is a nephew of Capt. James H. Bogart, U.S.A. retired, one of the organizers of the Chemical Warfare Service during the World War, and subsequently served on the General Staff in Washington.

**Theodore D. Vreeland** writes to James S. Van Syckel and other members of his family at Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J. that he has been promoted to Captain in the Marine Corps. Capt. Vreeland, who was a member of the class of 1942 at Princeton University, left at the end of his junior year in 1941 to enlist in the Marine Corps. He took his boot training at Parris Island, S. C. and later studied at Quantico, Va. In April 1942, he went overseas for duty in American Samoa, where he received promotions to second and first lieutenant. He is now stationed in the Central Pacific.

## Personal Mention

**Frederick Coykendall** has been re-elected for the twelfth time as chairman of the board of Trustees of Columbia University. He is the nineteenth to occupy the position since Columbia was founded in 1754.

**John C. Traphagen**, president of the Bank of New York, has been named by the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to represent the Second Reserve District on the Federal advisory council of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**Edgar T. Van Winckel** is serving as a civilian aide to the U. S. Engineers Corp at Fort Bell, Bermuda. In addition he is doing 20 hours a week volunteer work at the St. George Hotel, U.S.O. canteen.

**John P. Luyster** and Mrs. Luyster have moved into Keyport from the homestead on the Middletown Road which had been occupied by the Luyster family without interruption since it was erected by Johannes Luyster, who emigrated from Long Island in 1719. The Luysters sold the property last fall.

**Ward Van Alstyne** and Mrs. Van Alstyne have been in Brazil for the past year and are not expected to return until the war is over.

**Samuel F. Newkirk, Jr.** water engineer of Elizabeth, N. J., has been elected president of the American Water Works Association, an international group working for the development of water systems.

**James Albert Lansing** of Scranton, Pa., has been a member of The Holland Society since 1904 and at ninety-three years of age he writes that interest in it remains just as keen as ever even though he is unable to participate in the various activities.

**Cecil B. deMille**, long a leading figure in the motion picture industry, is now filming "The Story of Mr. Wassell," which depicts heroic resistance of the Dutch in Java under the terror of Japanese invasion.

**John A. Bogart, Sr.** of Harrison, N. Y., is compiling a history of the Bogart Family in New Netherland and will welcome data from the descendants of those families regardless of whether they spell the name with an "a" or an "e". He is also desirous of obtaining photographs of any personal effects, maps, papers, etc. now in existence with which to illustrate his forthcoming book.

**Rufus Van Aken** has been presented with a clipping from the "Fifty Years Ago" column of the Catskill Daily Mail dated February 16 by Seth T. Cole, fellow trustee of The Society, which reads "Rufus Van Aken, our cooper, is a hustler. He is in his shop every morning at 4 o'clock. Rufus informs us he has averaged 100 tubs a week since Jan. 1. Last week he made 15 butter tubs in 3 hours and 15 minutes. Very few dare tackle Rufus in that line. "The present day Rufus says he is not in the same line and was not named after the hustler."

# AN ULSTER COUNTY PIONEER

By H. GAIL DAVIS

One of the most colorful characters among early Ulster County settlers was CHRISTOPHER DAVIS, trader and Indian interpreter, familiarly called KIT. He was not Dutch, but most of his descendants were. Born in England in 1616, we find him, as early as 1636, in Boston. He soon moved on to New Amsterdam, locating temporarily at "Hell-igat."

In 1638 KIT DAVIS turned up at Fort Orange, where he remained for some twelve years or more, associating with the Indians and acquiring a knowledge of their language and ways. He hunted, trapped and traded with them, winning their confidence and friendship. In their powwows with the whites he acted as their interpreter. He was as familiar with the Indian tongue as he was with his own, altho he couldn't write his name in English. He signed like a savage with his own individual mark.

In Beverwyck (Albany) he married a Dutch girl, CORNELIA DE VOS, by whom he had two sons and two daughters, DAVID, GEORGE, MARITIE and ARRIANTJE DAVIS. Some say he also had a son JAN. This has never been proven. His son, DAVID, with wife and four children, was killed in the French and Indian massacre at Schenectady in 1690. KIT'S son, GEORGE, about 1675, married JOHANNA LOPER, who bore him three children, JACOBUS, SAMUEL and SOLOMON DAVIS.

As the widow of GEORGE DAVIS, JOHANNA married, in 1681, HENRY BEEKMAN son of WILHELMUS BEEKMAN, who was prominent in New Amsterdam. HENRY became a large land holder. He died about 1716. His widow, JOHANNA, survived him some 25 years, and she and her son HENRY inherited the vast BEEKMAN estate. Her descendants include many of the most distin-

guished statesmen of early days. Her daughter, CORNELIA BEEKMAN, married GYSPERT LIVINGSTON. Her son HENRY BEEKMAN married JANET LIVINGSTON. Her granddaughter, MARGARET LIVINGSTON, was the mother of ten children, one of America's most famous families.

GEORGE DAVIS, like his father Kit, was an Indian interpreter. Johanna Loper, the mother of his three children, later known as "MADAM BEEKMAN", was the daughter of JACOB LOPER, a Swede from Stockholm, and CORNELIA MELYN, whose Dutch grandfather, CORNELIS MELYN, the patroon, owned all of Staten Island at one time. She was one of Ulster County's most interesting women.

KIT DAVIS was probably the first permanent white settler in the Esopus country. He located at the mouth of the Rondout, a place called "The Strand", now a part of Kingston, about 1652. Earlier he owned land at Catskill and Saugerties, acquired from the Indians. The Rondout became known as "KIT DAVIS' KILL." His wife died in 1657 and he married (2nd) MARIA MARTENS in Albany, who gave him three children, ABRAHAM, DEBORA and ISAAC DAVIS. The writer descends from the last named child. Most of the DAVIS tribe of "Olde Ulster", the Esopus Country and the Minisink Region, trace their origin to CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER ("KIT") DAVIS.

KIT DAVIS took part in both the First and Second Esopus Indian Wars, in 1659 and 1663, and in the latter was a prominent figure in the rescue of the white women and children made captives by the savages. He died about 1680. Somewhere in Ulster County this early proto-type of RIP VAN WINKLE has been sleeping many times twenty years in a spot at the foot of the Catskills unmarked by man.

## IN EARLY NEW AMSTERDAM

The first school established in New Amsterdam was the house of Gouert Coerten, a side chamber of the old city hall, and the name of the master was Harmanus Van Hoboken. The first academy and classical school was opened in 1659, under the direction of Carolus Curtius, a master sent out by the Dutch West India Company, at a salary of 200 guilders.

The first city watch, which was called the "rated watch" consisted of 6 men and was established in 1653. In 1658 a permanent system of watch police was established. The watch consisted of 8 men, and there were 4 on duty at a time, relieving each other from sun down to sun rise.

The first fire police was established in 1648. Fire wardens were appointed in 1750 and ordinances for regulating the mode of building between 1650 and 1656. In 1657 it was resolved to send to Holland for 250 leather buckets, but the

great length of time which would elapse before they could be obtained induced the authorities to make an effort to have the buckets made in New York. Proposals were issued and all the shoemakers in the town, being 4, were required to offer, for the contract. After some months delay the authorities received answers as follows:—Coenraet Ten Eyck, "was not minded to undertake the work." Peter Van Hadden had no materials.

Remoutje Remoutew, the most prominent shoemaker of that date, agreed to make 100 of the buckets at 6 guilders and 2 stuivers each. Anan Van Lair, agreed on the same terms for 50 more buckets. For 120 years after this time every house-keeper in the city was compelled to have buckets in his house which were given out to the citizens, or carried to the fire, when the bells rang for fire. In the morning after the fire they were regularly collected at the old city hall and re-delivered to the house-keepers.

# THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN NEW NETHERLAND

By OTTOMAR H. VAN NORDEN

**January 1644.** Much fine tobacco was raised last summer on Manhattan Island. George Holmes and Thomas Hall have an extensive plantation at Duetel Bay (East River at 46th St.) while Jonas Bonck raised large crops at his bouwerie on the Great Kill (Harlem River). Isaac Allerton has a tobacco house on the East River below Maiden Lane. Our tobacco is fully equal to the Virginia product and has a good sale in Amsterdam.

**January 1644.** The Rev. Mr. Megapolensis and family, who recently passed through here from Holland, have arrived at Rensselaerswyck where the house of Maryn Adriaensen has been purchased for him for the sum of 300 guilders. He will be pastor of that community. A church 34 feet long and 19 feet wide is being erected for him. A pulpit, ornamented with a canopy will be added, as well as pews for the magistrates and deacons and 9 benches for the congregation. This furniture will cost \$33.00. The salary of Rev. Mr. Megapolensis will be eleven hundred guilders, thirty schepels of wheat and two firkins of butter.

**January 1644.** A serious situation has arisen in our relations with the Swedes on the South River (Delaware) where they have established three forts and trading posts, one of them being at the mouth of the Schuylkill (Philadelphia) adjoining our fort Beversreede. The Swedes now claim the whole country as far north as the falls of the Samkikan (Trenton) and have there erected, in token of their claim of sovereignty, "the arms of the crown of Sweedland".

We have no force to oppose their aggression on our territory. This past year they are reported to have shipped to Europe 2127 packages of beaver pelts and 70,241 pounds of tobacco.

**January 1644.** The Patroon of Rensselaerswyck has built a fort and trading post on Beeren (Bear) Island in the Hudson River (a few miles south of Albany) with cannon mounted therein and has set up his claim to a "Staple Right"; a toll of five guilders imposed on every trading craft passing that point. Director Kieft has challenged this claim of the Patroon and has instructed Attorney General Van der Huygens to proceed against him at law.

**January 1644.** Director Kieft charges that private traders, proceeding under licenses issued by the Patroon of Rensselaerswyck, are drawing the Indians away into "secret trading places" and by "pylting" them with wine and strong drink, "sold to them at a usurious rate", have not only secured all of the good peltries from the Indians but even large quantities of grain. As a consequence the company has secured scarcely a skin while the private traders have exported thousands of peltries.

**January 1644.** Director Kieft has seized the ship, "The Arms of Rensselaerswyck", property of the Patroon of that Manor, recently arrived at this port from Holland with a large cargo of assorted merchandise, valued at 12,870 guilders. The seizure was made because the supercargo, Pieter Wyncoop, refused to sell to the Company clothing and shoes badly needed by the soldiers. Wyn-

coop claims this cargo is for his master's Indian trade.

When the ship was searched considerable powder and a number of guns were found, none of which appeared in the manifest. The result was a forced levy and fifty pairs of shoes and much clothing was distributed among the soldiers, while the powder and guns were confiscated.

**February 1644.** Our soldiers are now clothed and properly shod and fully armed with the supplies seized from the ship "The Arms of Rensselaerswyck". We now have 150 fighting men who can be called into service within a day's notice. Ensign Van Dyck commands the Dutch and Capt. Underhill the English. Counsellor La Montagne remains commander in chief.

**Mid-February 1644.** Capt. Underhill has returned from Stamford where he was sent recently to obtain particulars as to the whereabouts of the Connecticut savages. He reports that a body more than 500 strong are encamped in a castle to the north of that place.

**March 1644.** The savages, some 500 strong, having been located in the neighborhood of Stamford, a force of 130 men under the joint command of Ensign Van Dyck and Capt. Underhill, embarked from Manhattan in three yachts and after a remarkably quick voyage reached Greenwich the evening of the same day. Forced by a heavy snow storm to camp there for the night the party set out with daylight, going eastward and crossed many rocky ridges and forded two rivers. The soldiers marched steadily and it was ten o'clock in the evening when the Indian castle was discovered. It was very cold, the moon was full and the night so clear that "a winter's day could not be brighter". The village consisted of three rows of huts, arranged in streets each about eighty paces long. The whole was surrounded by a heavy log and plank palisade.

**March 1644.** The Indians were on the alert and made several sallies against the soldiers who attacked immediately. In the first encounter which lasted for an hour about 200 savages were killed. The Dutch lost 15 wounded. The night was cold. The conquerors built large fires and camped on the field of battle. The next day, "the Lord enduing the wounded with extraordinary strength", the Dutch reached Stamford about noon. Two days later the expedition arrived back at New Amsterdam, where there was great rejoicing and a public thanksgiving and services with preaching was ordered for the brilliant success of our arms.

**March 1644.** Arendt van Curler of Rensselaerswyck has succeeded in ransoming from the Mohawks the Jesuit priest Father Jogues. The cost was 100 pieces of gold which was raised by subscription. Father Jogues is now in Manhattan and living in the fort where he has been lodged by Director Kieft. Although he is a Jesuit our Christian people could not consent to his torture and mutilation and probable death at the hands of the heathen.

# OLD DUTCH FAMILIES

## III. LANSING RICHARD SCHERMERHORN, Jr.

The Lansing family has always been one of the prominent families of New York State, especially as related to Albany and vicinity. The earliest known ancestor, Gerrit Lansing of Hasselt, Holland, did not come to America, but his widow remarried about 1654 and with her second husband, Wouter Albertse van den Uythoff and her six Lansing children, came to America soon after that date, settling in Albany. Her three sons, Gerrit Lansing, Jr., (circa 1654-after 1705), Hendrick Lansing (circa 1648-1709), and Jan Lansing (circa 1649-1728) are the ancestors of all American Lings. Gerrit Jr.'s sons settled in Albany, Schenectady and (now) Rensselaer County. Hendrick's family settled at "Half Moon" (Waterford-Cohoes district) and his son Jacob became the ancestor of the Lings of this region. Jan's family settled in Albany.

Probably the most prominent Lansing was John, Jr. (desc. of Gerrit, Jr.) (1754-1829), who was in early times known as the "Chancellor". He was Delegate to Continental Congress, Judge of Court of Common Pleas, Mayor of Albany, Chief Justice of Supreme Court, Speaker of N. Y. Assembly, Representative in Congress and Presidential Elector. Other prominent descendants of Gerrit, Jr. are as follows:

**Col. Jacob J. Lansing** (1714-91)—Alderman of Albany-Col. of Rgt. during Revolution, serving in battles of Stillwater and Saratoga.

**Judge Jacob J. Lansing** (1792-1858)—Judge of Court of Common Pleas-Officer, War of 1812.

**Abraham G. Lansing** (1756-1844)—Surrogate-State Treasurer.

**Col. Gerrit G. Lansing** (1760-1831)—Officer in Revolution—Assemblyman and Judge of Probate Court. The City of Lansing, Michigan is said to have been named after one of his sons.

**Sanders Lansing** (1767-1850) Register of Court of Chancery, County Judge, etc.

**Gerrit L. Lansing** (1783-1862)—Priv. Secy. to Gov. Morgan Lewis—Repr. in Congress—Regent of Univ. of N. Y.—Chancellor of the Regents.

**Abraham Lansing** (1835-1899)—City Attorney of Albany—Corporation Counsel of Albany—State Senator.

Descendants of Hendrick Lansing.  
**Abraham J. Lansing** (1720-1791)—Founder of Lansingburgh (now part of Troy, N. Y.).  
**Col. Christopher Lansing** (1743-1819)—Officer of Revolution.  
**Levinus Lansing** (1749—after 1807)—Sheriff, Rensselaer County.  
**Cornelis Lansing** (1752-1801)—Delegate to Constitutional Convention—Assemblyman—Supervisor, Town of Troy.  
**Jacob A. Lansing** (1743—)—Supervisor of Rensselaer Co. & Justice.  
**Col. John V. A. Lansing** (1769-1863).  
**Jacob C. Lansing** (1790- )—Assemblyman—Dist. Attorney, Rensselaer Co.  
**Abraham C. (1777- )—and Francis (1790- ) Lansing**—Assemblymen.  
Descendants of Jan Lansing.

**Jan Lansing** (1649-1728)—Capt. of Militia in Canada Expedition, 1690; Alderman of Albany 1686-1698.

**Johannes Lansing, Jr.**—(circa 1687-after 1752)—Commr. of Indian Affairs, 1728-1752.

**Peter Lansing** (1721-1807) and **Philip Lansing** (1729-after 1789)—Alderman of Albany.

**Jeremias Lansing** (1754-1817)—Alderman of Albany—Assemblyman.

Another prominent descendant was Robert Lansing, Secretary of State under Wilson, 1915-20. He was born in Watertown, N. Y., in 1864 and died in 1928. Watertown was also the home of Robert Lansing, a lawyer, who was Village Trustee, 1829-30; State Senator, 1832-6; District Attorney, 1843, and County Judge, 1847. A Frederick Lansing of Watertown was State Senator, 1882-5 and Representative in Congress, 1889-90. Another western New York Lansing in public office was William E. Lansing of Chittenango, Madison County, who was District Attorney, 1850, County Clerk, 1866, and Representative in Congress, 1861-3 & 1871-5.

Albany had Lings as members of its Common Council from the late 1600s until after the middle 1700's. In a number of instances there were as many as three Lings serving on the Common Council at the same time.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### HISTORY OF THE DUTCH

"The Netherlands" edited by Bartholomew Landheer; published by the University of California Press. \$5.

One volume in a United Nations series dedicated to the promotion of mutual understanding among the Allies and to a greater degree of co-operation after the war, this book is a noteworthy contribution to the history of The Netherlands. Adrian Jacob Barnouw, Samuel van Valkenburg and Hendrik Nicolaas Boot are among a score of contributors who tell of her land and people, modern development, foreign policy, role in foreign trade and other factors in twenty-five chapters.

### TRIBUTE TO HOLLAND

"The Lion Rampant" by L. De Long and Joseph W. F. Stoppelman; published by Querido, Inc. N. Y. \$3.

Sub-titled "The Story of Holland's Resistance to the Nazis" this book is an illustrated account in 386 pages of the tragic struggle the brave little country has waged since the dreadful day in May, 1940, when the invading hordes overran its towns and villages.

Complete and concise, it is a vivid account of the deliberate tyranny and destruction of Nazi rule, with the fierce resistance of Dutch youth through the underground movement. The story is well told by two journalists who fled the Netherlands to better fight in freedom's cause.

# IN MEMORIAM

## EUGENE VAN VOORHIS

Eugene Van Voorhis, a member of The Holland Society since 1892, passed away upon the twentieth of December, 1943 at the home of his son, Supreme Court Justice John Van Voorhis, in Irondequoit, a suburb of Rochester, N. Y. His son is a member of the society. Mr. Van Voorhis served The Holland Society as vice-president for Western New York from 1939 through 1943. He was a lawyer and with his brother carried on the law firm founded by his father, and this firm existed for ninety-two years. He was a member of a number of legal societies. Besides his son he is survived by his widow, a brother and two sisters.

## WILLIAM B. ELMENDORF

William B. Elmendorf became identified with The Holland Society in 1892. He died the twenty-first of December, 1943, at Albany, New York. He had served the society as vice-president for Albany County from 1911 through 1925. He was eighty-eight years of age and had served the Hudson River Day Line for fifty years. He succeeded his father as the company's Albany representative. He is survived by four daughters.

## LEMUEL W. VAN SCHAICK

Lemuel W. Van Schaick, joined The Holland Society in March, 1939. He died the twenty-fifth of December, 1943, while returning from a Christmas party at the home of a son. He was the president of the real estate firm of Angell, Van Schaick & Company of Scarsdale, New York, and was also very well known in educational circles. He was sixty-four years of age. Two sons, Paul and George D. Van Schaick, his widow, a daughter, two brothers and a sister survive him.

## ROBERT C. VAN VECHTEN

Robert C. Van Vechten, died suddenly in the city of Washington, D. C., the twenty-seventh of January, 1944. He was elected a member of The Holland Society the seventeenth of June, 1910. He is survived by his brother Eugene M. Van Vechten, a life member of the society.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF

The Society has received the following acquisitions to its Library by gift and exchange:

From Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: Magazine, September-December, 1943.

From Dutchess County Historical Society: Year Book for 1943, Vol. 28.

From Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: Year Book for 1942-1944. From The State Historical Society of Iowa: The Palimpsest, December, 1943, January, February, 1944. The Iowa Journal of History and Politics, January, 1944.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: The Register, Index and List of Contents to Vol. 41; Vol. 42, January, 1944.

From Michigan Historical Commission: Michigan History, January-March, 1944.

From Minnesota Historical Society: Minnesota History, December, 1943.

From The National Society Magna Charta Dames: Account of Annual Gathering, June 15, 1943.

From The Netherland-America Foundation: Monthly Letter, December, 1943, January-February, 1944.

From The Netherland Publishing Corporation: Knickerbocker Weekly, December, 1943—March, 1944.

## CURTIS H. VEEDER

Curtis Hussey Veeder, an inventor of international fame, became a member of The Holland Society in 1931. He died the twenty-seventh of December, 1943, at Hartford, Conn., in his eighty-first year. He was the holder of more than one hundred and fifty patents. At the age of eighteen he constructed a high wheel bicycle and patented it. He was co-founder of the Veeder Manufacturing company in 1895 and served as an officer of the company. His wife and two daughters survive him.

## WARREN J. HOYSRADT

Warren J. Hoysradt, for nearly forty-four years a member of The Holland Society, having joined in 1900, died in the Lawrence Hospital, Bronxville, N. Y., after a long illness, the first of February, 1944, at the age of sixty-five. He was vice-president for Westchester County from 1941 and a trustee from October, 1942 until the time of his death. He was the father of John Hoysradt, a member of the society. Mr. Hoysradt was a graduate of the Hotchkiss School and Yale University, and was for a time a trustee of the former institution. He was engaged in investment banking for many years. His funeral in Christ Episcopal Church, Bronxville, was attended by President Van Norden, Treasurer Voorhis, and several trustees and members. Besides his son, his widow, a daughter and one sister survive him.

## DE HART BERGEN

De Hart Bergen, who died the twenty-seventh of January, 1944, had been a member of The Holland Society since March, 1922. He was head of the real estate firm of J. D. H. Bergen & Son, and was a trustee of the Brooklyn Savings Bank. He was a former president of the Saint Nicholas Society of Nassau Island, and served the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Flatbush as an elder. His son, Robert Hall Bergen, is a member of the society and of its Burgher Guard. Mr. Bergen is survived by his widow, another son, two daughters and a brother.

---

Organized in 1885 "to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse"; composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

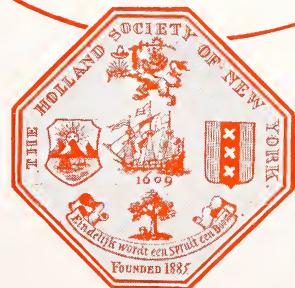
---



# de Halve Maen



*The*  
**HOLLAND SOCIETY**  
VOL. XIX • No. 3



*of* NEW YORK  
JULY, 1944

# The Holland Society of New York

90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

*President:*  
Otomar H. Van Norden

*Vice-Presidents:*

New York County	Frank H. Vedder
Kings County	A. Lloyd Lott
Queens County	Howard D. Springsteen
Suffolk County	Ferdinand L. Wyckoff
Nassau County	George D. Van Houten
Westchester County	Irving B. Lydecker
Dutchess County	John H. Dingman, M.D.
Ulster County	J. E. Hasbrouck, Jr.
Albany County	C. Reeve Vanneman
Schenectady County	William V. B. Van Dyck
Bergen County, N. J.	Theodore Van Winkle
Essex County, N. J.	Frederick A. Lydecker
Passaic County, N. J.	Dr. Robert J. De Groat
Union County, N. J.	Frederick C. Hyer
Middlesex County, N. J.	Richard K. Hoogland
Monmouth County, N. J.	Harold V. B. Voorhis
Mercer County, N. J.	Raymond B. Voorhees
New England	Dr. George S. Van Riper
The South	Kingsland Van Winkle
Pacific Coast	Ozé Van Wyck
United States Army	Col. Arthur Poillon
United States Navy	Capt. J. E. Ostrander, Jr.

*Treasurer:*  
Harold O. Voorhis

*Secretary:*  
Harold E. Ditmars

*Domine:*  
Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen

*Trustees:*

Hon. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. (1947)	Wilfred B. Talmam (1946)
Frederick I. Bergen (1946)	Rufus Cole Van Aken (1947)
Seth Toby Cole (1948)	William T. Van Atten (1948)
Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr. (1946)	Ed. M. Van Buren, Jr. (1945)
Franklyn Hoogboom (1947)	John de C. Van Eten (1945)
Col. Leigh K. Lydecker (1945)	Walter H. Van Hoesen (1946)
Walter M. Meserole (1947)	Otomar H. Van Norden (1945)
Franklyn J. Poucher (1948)	Hon. Geo. S. Van Schaick (1948)
Rich'd Schermerhorn, Jr. (1945)	William Van Wyck (1947)
Henry R. Sutphen (1948)	Frank H. Vedder (1946)

*Editor:*  
Walter H. Van Hoesen

*Editorial Committee:*

Max L. Van Norden, Vice-Chairman	Howard Osterhout
Richard H. Amerman	Franklyn J. Poucher
Hevlyn Dirck Benson	Wilfred B. Talmam
John A. Bogart	Thomas E. Van Winkle
H. Gail Davis	Stryker Williamson
Albert E. Oliver	



NEW YORK CITY

JULY, 1944

## LONG ISLAND MEETING

The twenty-third annual meeting and dinner of the Long Island branches of the Society were held at the Forest Hills Inn on Monday evening, May 1, with a record attendance of officers, members and guests.

The speaker of the evening was Harold H. Schaff, executive secretary of the New York State War Council and formerly professor of European history at Cornell University. Harold E. Ditmars, who presided as president of the branch, called upon Walter M. Meserole to tell of the branch founding. President Ottomar H. Van Norden extended greetings from the Society and he was followed by Trustee Frank H. Vedder, chairman of the membership committee.

At the business meeting Howard D. Springsteen of Jamaica was elected president of the branch and Nelson J. Springsteen the secretary. Vice-presidents chosen were: A. Lloyd Lott, Kings county; George D. Van Houten, Nassau county, and Ferdinand L. Wyckoff, Suffolk county, in addition to Charles V. Rapelje. The High Hat and

Van Vranken "badge of honor" were bestowed upon his successor by President Ditmars.

Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen, domine of the Society, offered the invocation and a stirring prayer for the protection and safekeeping of the members in military service.

Among others present were:

Azariah M. & David Springsteen, Charles V. & Walter S. Rapelje, Dr. George S. & Douglas Van Riper, Trustees Van Aken, Meserole, Vedder & Van Norden, Charles H. & Gerald D. Vosburgh, Dr. Laird S. Van Dyck, Harold E. Williams, Washington Irving Vanderpoel, Donald K. Vanneman, Sullivan W. Jones, Harold H. Schaff and Lennington, Hugh G. Bergen, Donald D. Kittell, Preston C. Kector, Ralph B. Tocher, Bernardus Suydam, August H. Schenck, Robert L. Bergen, Howard P. Durland, Wheeler N. Voorhees, John H. Van Siclen, William H. Elting, William Remsen Lott, Thomas Morris Vanderveer, Richard H. Amerman, Harrison Deyo and Ferdinand Lott Wyckoff.

## DINNER AT ALBANY

Members of the Society in and around Albany and their guests attended the annual dinner meeting of the Capital District Branch held at the Fort Orange Club on the evening of May 9. C. Reeve Vanneman, vice-president for Albany county, presided and was assisted by Albert E. Oliver.

Officers elected at the business session are: William V. B. Van Dyck, president; C. Reeve Vanneman, vice-president, and Albert E. Oliver, secretary. A determined drive will be carried on during the ensuing year to increase the membership and along those lines several spoke of the numerous eligible residents of the territory.

President Ottomar H. Van Norden complimented the branch on the vigor of its activities and predicted further growth. Its members live in one of the earliest settlements of the Colonial period, he declared. Others attending from New York City were Frank H. Vedder and Rufus C. Van Aken, both trustees.

Others present included Francis C. Bratt, Douw Beekman, Seth Toby Cole, D. E. Cole, H. H. Lansing, J. W. Putman, R. Spoor, Mills Ten Eyck, Vedder, E. V. Vedder, Isaac H. Vrooman, Jr., Charles K. Winne, Jr., and Archie Wemple. P. G. D. Ten Eyck, Dr. E. A. Vander Veer, A.

### Society Handbook

The 1944-45 edition of the Society handbook listing all members, officers and committees is in the mails. Notify headquarters if your copy is not received.

### Summer Schedule

The office of the Society at 90 West Street, New York, will not be open Saturdays during July and will be closed for vacation throughout the month of August.

## New Members

The Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership June 8-1944 by the Trustees (names of proposer and seconder noted in that order):

Frances Livingston Bergen	Somerville, N. J.
(R. V. Weght; W. M. Mererole)	
Maja Leon Berry	Toms River, N. J.
(H. E. Ackerson, Jr.; G. A. Denise)	
George Laurence Blauvelt	Philadelphia, Pa.
(B. L. Blauvelt; L. L. Blauvelt)	
Tunis Denise	Freehold, N. J.
(G. A. Deniese; H. E. Ackerson, Jr.)	
James Henry Dunham	Philadelphia, Pa.
(C. L. Schenck; H. Schenck)	
Daniel Silver Morell, Jr.	Hartford, Conn.
(D. S. Morell; O. H. Van Norden)	
James Anderson Roosa	Albany, N. Y.
(P. G. Roosc; E. A. Vander Veer)	
Milton Kremer Van Duzor	Vicksburg, Miss.
(Non-members)	
Harold Lee Van Kleeck	Brooklyn, N. Y.
(C. A. Van Winkle; A. D. Van Winkle)	
Pierre Duclou Van Mater	Marlboro, N. J.
(G. A. Deniese; H. E. Ackerson, Jr.)	
Archibald C. Wemple	Schenectady, N. Y.
(S. T. Cole; J. W. Putman)	
Du Bois Wynkoop	Princeton, N. J.
(R. Heermance; S. S. Bergen)	
Stewart Abram Zabriskie	Paterson, N. J.
(R. W. De Groat; R. J. De Groat)	

## Vice-Presidents

The annual joint meeting of the vice-presidents and trustees of The Society was held on the evening of May 8 at the Metropolitan Club, with a large attendance, including eight vice-presidents and three trustees elected at the annual meeting in April.

Each of the vice-presidents was called upon to tell of the activities of the county branch he represented and to offer suggestions which might be of aid to the trustees in determining future policies of the Society. During the discussion it was the majority opinion that the annual dinner should be held next November without the attendance of ladies. Several speakers referred to the desirability of a junior branch of the Society which might enroll the sons of active and deceased members at nominal dues and who would be eligible for transfer at the age of 18 years without initiation fees.

At the conclusion of the meeting dinner was served and President Ottomar H. Van Norden presided at an informal discussion which followed.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed at the office of the Society to assist the Committee on Genealogy. The increase of membership applications and requests for data have placed a rather heavy burden on Trustees Walter M. Merserole and Franklyn Hogeboom and on Miss Florence McAleer, the assistant secretary. The work is not arduous and offers an opportunity for pleasant contacts with other members.

## Trustees' Meeting

The Spring meeting of the trustees of the Society was held at the Metropolitan Club on the evening of June 8, at which time November 16 was voted as the date for the annual dinner to be held at the Hotel Plaza without the ladies in attendance. A committee headed by Treasurer Harold O. Voorhis was authorized to recommend a candidate for the distinguished medal award to be made at that time.

Thirteen new applications for membership were approved, including Vice-Chancellor Maja Leon Berry of the New Jersey Chancery Court. Two re-instatement requests were granted.

Harold E. Ditmars, elected secretary of the Society at the annual meeting in April and Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr., new trustee, were welcomed on behalf of the board by President Ottomar Van Norden.

Following the business meeting the trustees were guests of President Van Norden at dinner. During the course of remarks later Trustee George S. Van Schaick called attention to the heavy burden which the invasion of France had added to the task of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a member and former trustee of the Society. Past President William Van Wyck gave a charming but amusing sketch of the personality of each one present.

## Patriotic Activities

Our Society now has 137 members in the armed forces of our country and during the last several years we have taken a very active part in the war effort. The various activities now have reached a point where the trustees have believed it wise to co-ordinate them under direction of a special committee.

The committee named by President Ottomar Van Norden follows: Seth Toby Cole, chairman; Hon. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., John de C. Van Etten, William Van Wyck, Frank Vedder, Walter M. Merserole, Walter H. Van Hoesen, Franklyn Hogeboom, Henry R. Sutphen and Rufus Cole Van Aken.

## COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Winners of the annual awards of The Holland Society for excellence in history have been announced at the Collegiate School by Wilson Parkhill, headmaster. In the Lower School John Coleman was named for his outstanding ability and in the Senior School honors went to Thomas Lawrence, a Collegiate School student for twelve years, who is headed for West Point. A history of the Collegiate School, which dates from 1638, appeared in the January issue of *de Halve Maen*.

## STATEN ISLAND

The price paid by the Dutch to the Indians for the whole of Staten Island was ten shirts, thirty pair of stockings, ten guns, thirty bars of lead, thirty pounds of powder, some hoes, kettles, knives, and awls.

# FIRST ARRIVAL OF THE DUTCH

(From Heckewelder's Historical Account of the Indians.)

The Lenni Lenape claim the honour of having received and welcomed the Europeans on their first arrival in the country, situated between New England and Virginia. It is probable, however, that the Mahican or Mohicans, who then inhabited the banks of the Hudson, concurred in the hospitable act. The relation I am going to make was taken down many years since from the mouth of an intelligent Delaware Indian, and may be considered as a correct account of the tradition existing among them of this momentous event. I give it as much as possible in their own language.

A great many years ago, when men with a white skin had never yet been seen in this land, some Indians who were out a fishing at a place where the sea widens, espied at a great distance something remarkably large floating on the water, and such as they had never seen before. These Indians immediately returning to the shore, apprised their countrymen of what they had observed, and pressed them to go out with them and discover what it might be. They hurried together, and saw with astonishment the phenomenon which now appeared to their sight, but could not agree upon what it was; some believed it to be an uncommonly large fish or animal, while others were of opinion it must be a very big house floating on the sea. At length the spectators concluded that this wonderful object was moving towards the land, and that it must be animal or something else that had life in it; it would therefore be proper to inform all the Indians on the inhabited islands of what they had seen, and put them on their guard. Accordingly they sent off a number of runners and watermen to carry the news to their scattered chiefs, that they might send off in every direction for the warriors, with a message that they should come on immediately. These arriving in numbers, and having themselves viewed the strange appearance, and observing that it was actually moving towards the entrance of the river or bay; concluded it to be a remarkably large house in which the Mannitto (the Great or Supreme Being) himself was present, and that he probably was coming to visit them. By this time the chiefs were assembled at York island and deliberating in what manner in which they should receive their Mannitto on his arrival. Every measure was taken to be well provided with plenty of meat for a sacrifice. The women were desired to prepare the best victuals. All the idols or images were examined and put in order, and a grand dance was supposed not only to be an agreeable entertainment for the Great Being, but it was believed that it might, with the addition of a sacrifice, contribute to appease him if he was angry with them. The conjurers were also set to work, to determine what this phenomenon portended, and what the possible result of it might be. To these and to the chiefs and wise men of the nations, men, women and children were looking up for advice and protection. Distracted between hope and fear, they were at a loss what to do; a dance, however, commenced in great con-

fusion. While in this situation, fresh runners arrive declaring it to be a large house of various colours, and crowded with living creatures.

The house, some say a — large canoe, at last stops, and a canoe of a smaller size comes on shore with the red man and some others in it; some stay with his canoe to guard it. The chiefs and wise men, assembled in council, form themselves into a large circle, towards which the man in red clothes approaches with two others. He salutes them with a friendly countenance, and they return the salute after their manner. They are lost in admiration; the dress, the manners, the whole appearance of the unknown strangers is to them a subject of wonder, but they are particularly struck with him who wore the red coat all glittering with gold lace, which they could in no manner account for. He, surely, must be the great Mannitto, but why should he have a white skin? Meanwhile, a large *hack\** is brought by one of the servants, from which an unknown substance is poured out into a small cup or glass, and handed to the supposed Mannitto. He drinks — has the glass filled again, and hands it to the chief standing next to him. The chief receives it, but only smells the contents and passes it on to the next chief, who does the same. The glass or cup thus passes through the circle, without the liquor being tasted by any one, and is upon the point of being returned to the red clothed Mannitto, when one of the Indians, a brave man and a great warrior, suddenly jumps up and harangues the assembly on the impropriety of returning the cup with its contents. It was handed to them, says he, by the Mannitto, that they should drink out of it, as he himself had done. To follow his example would be pleasing to him; but to return what he had given them might provoke his wrath and bring destruction on them. And since the orator believed it for the good of the nation that the contents offered them should be drunk, and as no one else would do it, he would drink it himself, let the consequence be what it might; it was better for one man to die, than that a whole nation should be destroyed. He then took the glass, and bidding the assembly a solemn farewell, at once drank up its whole contents. Every eye was fixed on the resolute chief, to see what effect the unknown liquor would produce. He soon began to stagger, and at last fell prostrate on the ground. His companions now bemoan his fate, he falls into a sound sleep, and they think he has expired. He wakes again, jumps up and declares, that he has enjoyed the most delicious sensations, and that he never before felt himself so happy as after he had drunk the cup. He asks for more, his wish is granted; the whole assembly then imitate him, and all become intoxicated.

After this general intoxication had ceased, for they say that while it lasted the whites had confined themselves to their vessel, the man with the red clothes returned again, and distributed presents among them, consisting of beads, axes, hoes, and stockings such as the white people wear. They soon became familiar with each other, and began to converse by signs.

# OLD DUTCH FAMILIES

## IV. VAN REYOPEN

**Jurian Tomassen** was the common ancestor of the family which now spells its name in the various forms of Van Reypen, Van Ripen and Van Riper and also of the Yearance family. He sailed for New Netherland in the ship De Bonte Kol (The Spotted Cow) from Amsterdam on April 16, 1663. He probably came from De Ryp in North Holland.

After arriving here, Tomassen was one of a group which obtained the Acquackanock patent in what is now Passaic County. He did not settle there permanently, but at least one of his sons, Harmon, and probably other descendants did so later. He went to Bergen (Jersey City) sometime between 1664-67 and acquired a plot known in later times as 311 Academy street at the intersection of that thoroughfare with Van Reypen street.

Tomassen is recorded as a member of the Bergen Church in 1667. He acquired additional property both within the old stockade and among the "Out Gardens", under the will of Guert Coerten dated in 1671. He married Reycke Hermens on May 25, 1667 and there were ten children of the union. Five sons, following the customs of the times, took as a surname one constructed from the

father's given name Jurian. Jurjanse and Jurjaense are various forms in which it is spelled in the old church records. Later the spelling Jurriaen developed and then Yearance.

The line of descent from Juriaen Tomassen to his descendants who occupied the old family place for generations was through his second son, Gerrit Juriaense or Jurjanse (1670-1748). The name is spelled all three ways in the old church records. Next came: Cornelis Gerretsen or Jurriansen (1707-71); Daniel Van Reypen (1736-1818); Cornelius Van Reypen (1767-1842); Cornelius V. Van Reypen, (1813-1900).

In the old records of the Bergen Church the first mention of the new name is dated October, 1671, when the witnesses to a baptism are given as "Daniel Van Reype" and his sister "Beeletze Van Reype." The same spelling appears a number of times thereafter.

It appears that the only ones to use the spelling Van Reypen were closely associated with the Bergen homestead. Other descendants use one of the various other forms. Van Riper seems to be the form used by the greatest number of present day descendants of Juriaen Tomassen, although Van Ripen appears to be the most logical form.

## Military Intelligence

The following members have joined the armed forces to bring the total to 137:

Cornelius Ackerson, Daniel Silver Morrell, Jr., James Anderson Roosa, Stephen Fritts Van Hoesen and Du Bois Wynkoop.

**Brig. Gen. George L. Van Deusen** has been nominated for the temporary rank of major general by President Roosevelt. He has been commanding officer since 1941 for the Eastern Signal Corps Training Center in New Jersey, comprising Fort Monmouth, Camp Wood and Camp Edison. A native of Passaic, N. J., he is a West Point graduate and has been stationed in Hawaii in addition to having served in France in the last war.

**Commander William H. Vanderbilt**, former governor of Rhode Island, has been assigned to the staff of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific Fleet. He was assigned previously to duty with the Twelfth Naval District at San Francisco.

**Captain V. B. DeWitt** has returned to Oliver General Hospital at Augusta, Ga., after spending a sick furlough at his home in New Paltz, N. Y.

**Major Leo T. Kissam** of the Air Corps, who has been in the military service since May, 1942, is undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C.

**William T. Van Atten, Jr.**, was commissioned a second lieutenant of cavalry at Ft. Riley, Kansas, on July 4. He entered the service more than a year ago and served for a period along the Mexican border.

Members are urged to report changes in status of those in the armed forces for the permanent record and listing in De Halve Maen.

## Personal Mention

**John C. Traphagen**, president of the Bank of New York, has been elected a director of the Babcock & Wilcox Co. He is a director of a number of corporations, including International Nickel Co., Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the American Agricultural Chemical Co. and several insurance companies.

**Howard S. F. Randolph** and Mrs. Randolph, of La Jolla, Cal., formerly of Bronxville, N. Y., gave their daughter, Mary, in marriage to Army Aviation Cadet Herbert W. Hobler, of Princeton, N. J., at a ceremony in St. Marks Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Tex., on March 26.

**Lt. Daniel C. Rapalje**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Rapalje of New Brunswick, N. J., has become engaged to Lt. Mary H. Hollyfield, of the Woman's Land Army, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hollyfield, of Roanoke, Va., have announced. Lt. Rapalje attended Rutgers University and Union College.

**Marston Taylor Bogert**, professor emeritus of organic chemistry at Columbia University, was re-elected president of the supervisory board of the American Year Book at its annual meeting in New York on May 16. The board is composed of representatives from forty-six national learned societies who cooperated in the editing of this annual record of events and progress.

**Dr. Nathan B. van Etten**, former president of the American Medical Association, has been appointed by Governor Dewey as a member of a State Industrial Council of nine members. He will represent the medical profession in advising the State Industrial Commissioner on administrative aspects of the Workmen's Compensation Law.

## TWO NEW JERSEY BURIAL PLOTS

Midway between Raritan and South Branch in Somerset County, New Jersey, the road leads past "Pine Bank" cemetery, one of the many family burying grounds which at one time dotted the State. It contains perhaps twenty-five legibly marked but half hidden graves bearing the names of families prominent in New Amsterdam.

A tablet and American flag now mark the site because it holds the remains of Revolutionary veterans, including Colonel Peter Dumont Vroom, who fought with Washington all through the New Jersey campaigns. Col. Vroom was descended from Cornelis Vroom, of Langner, Holland, who settled in the New Amsterdam colony and whose son, Hendrick Carsen Vroom, took up land in the Raritan grant before 1700.

The little cemetery is dotted with rough stone monuments, some with carved initials and dates, others unmarked or obliterated by time. The decipherable dates are mostly shortly after the Revolutionary Period, and besides the stones for Colonel Vroom and his son, Guyssbert Bogart, there are rude markers for some of his ancestors. Others are buried in Brooklyn. Also numerous relatives, the Bogarts, Van Nests, Schencks, Van

Dores, Quicks and Ten Eycks are buried there.

Included is a marker for a wayfarer from "New York Towne" drowned in the raging torrent of the South Branch River which now flows so placidly only 200 feet from this quiet resting place.

As the years passed and the custom changed, this private burying plot was abandoned. Later Vroom descendants are buried in regular cemeteries established by the Dutch Reformed Church which this pious family staunchly supported. Before coming to America from Holland, they had been persecuted for their beliefs as they were French Huguenots originally.

On this same picturesque winding road there is still another private burying ground, enclosed and cared for. Here are the graves of the Peter Dumont family of Paris. They settled in New Jersey before 1700 and inter-married with the Vroom family who lived on the adjoining estate. Their memory has been perpetuated throughout the years by successive Peter Dumont Vrooms, for besides the doughty colonel and his eminent son, former Gov. Peter D. Vroom, of New Jersey, buried in the Dumont plot, there were at least two other descendants by that name.

## INDIAN TROUBLES IN ULSTER

By Thomas E. Van Winkle

Many descendants of the early settlers of Ulster County are familiar with the story of the Indian troubles in the vicinity of Esopus and the massacre and burning of Wiltwick in 1663. There may be some, however, who have moved from the colonial haunts of their forebears, and have lost contact with the early history and traditions of this locality.

On June 7, 1663, while most of the men were working in the fields the Indians attacked Wiltwick, setting fire to the houses and killing, wounding or capturing a number of the inhabitants. Over seventy persons were killed, captured or wounded. Among those wounded were Thomas Chambers, Hendrick Jockemse Schoonmaker, Michael Freer, Albert Gerretsen, Andries Barents, Jan de Carle, and Paulus de Norman.

Of special interest in connection with the defense of Wiltwick, is the story of Hendrick Jockemse Schoonmaker and his eldest son, Jockem Hendrickse Schoonmaker, as numerous descendants on the male and female lines are living today, including many whose names are yet associated with Ulster County.

Hendrick Jockemse Schoonmaker came to America prior to 1654 in the military service of the Dutch West India Company and was a lieutenant in the military company of "His Noble Honor, the director general." In 1659 his company was ordered to Esopus. At the massacre and burning of Wiltwick on June 7, 1663, he took part in the defense, and was one of the first to

oppose the Indians. He was wounded twice during the early part of the fight, but continued until relieved by the men from the fields. The Indians subsequently were routed. On the same day his son, Jockem Hendrickse Schoonmaker, then four years old, was visiting his uncle at Hurley, where he was captured by a group of Indians. The boy was held captive until prisoners were exchanged or returned. During his captivity the Indians amused themselves by placing burning coals and hot ashes from their pipes upon his head. The scars caused by this barbarous treatment could be seen plainly until his death in 1730.

Another person on record as taking part in the defense of the settlement was Thomas Lewis\*. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, about 1658. He migrated to Holland during the Irish Troubles and in 1656 came to New Netherland in the ship "Blauwe Duit" and married Geisje Barents. He served in the Esopus Indian war and died in New York City on Sept. 28, 1684 when 56 years of age. His four sons Lodwick, Barent, Thomas and Leonard, survived him and his descendants are numerous. His son, Leonard Lewis, baptised in 1667, served in the expedition against the French and later was commissioned colonel. His wife was Elizabeth Hardenberg.

\*The descendants of Thomas Lewis in the direct male line may not realize that their progenitor was a citizen of New Netherland under the Dutch and they are eligible to join the Holland Society.

## DUTCH NAMES OF PLACES

Ed. Note: Following is the first of a series of excerpts from articles written by Egbert Benson (1745-1833) on the nomenclature of the Dutch in New Amsterdam contributed by Hevlyn Dirck Benson, a descendant.

The Dutch name for our city was Nieuwe Amsterdam; to the tract, the plantations on the North River for about four miles, they gave the name of Bloemen'd Dal (Blooming Dale). There were two other seats on the island and hence the conjecture that Bloemen'd Dal, at first the name of an individual seat, soon served to denote the whole neighborhood of farms.

The creek between the north end of the island and the West-Chester shore, they called Spyden Duyvel Kill, literally, in spite of the Devil Creek. Aford was there before Kingsbridge was built and the spot was distinguished as the Fonteyn, the Springs.

The northern chop of the entrance from the Bay into the Kills retains its Dutch name Konstabel's Hook (Constable's Hook); Communipa, is Indian; Paulus Hoeck, a person by the name of Paulus Schrick, described in a very early grant for lands in the "Town of Bergen in New Jersey"; Pavonia, a name given by the Dutch to the ground, the front or shore of it on the river still passing by its Indian name Ahasimus; Hoboken, the Dutch name of Harne Van Hoboken, clerk of the church, 1650; Weehawk is Indian; Joncker's Kill, Yonker's Creek; Joncker from Jonge Herr, the young lord, the appellation once for the heir of the family after come to the age of maturity.

The northern shore at Kingsbridge was the neighborhood called the lower Yonkers, as distinguished from the other Yonkers, the lands of Van Der Kee on the Saw-mill Creek; Tappaanze Zee, from the name of the tribe of Indians inhabiting the western shore; Haverstroo, literally oat straw, the name of a tract of arable land. Stony Point retains its Dutch name translated; the British took possession and fortified it in the war of the Revolution followed by its assault and capture by Wayne. The Donder Bergh, on the east side of the river and the Kill of Jan Peek retain their Dutch names; the promontory just above Peek's Kill, presenting itself on turning of the point of the Donder Bergh, they called Antonie's Neus, corrupted to Saint Anthony's Nose.

The island under the Long Island shore was considered as the northeastern Chop of the entrance from the sea; Beeren Island, Bear Island or Barren Island. To an island immediately westward of it they gave the name of Conyn's Island, Coney Island; Conyn, a Dutch surname still remaining among us; from the name Coney, there are already symptoms of the beginning of a tradition that it once abounded in Rabbits. The Narrows they called the Hoofden, their name for the forelands on the British coast, literally head lands.

The names of the towns in the vicinity such as Utrecht; Breuckelen, corrupted to Brookline, and Amersfort, changed to Flatlands, denoted the district in the homeland furnishing the first settlers. Gravesend was settled in Dutch time under a Dutch grant by some families immediately

from England. Flatbush may serve as a translation of its Dutch name, Vlachte. A conjecture is offered, that Breuckelen and Amersfort were, from their proximity to the waters, earliest settled, and a space between them remained as Wout or Bos, Wood, and denoted as the Midwout, and the Bos on the plain or Vlachte, the site of the present village of Flatbush, as to be distinguished from Bos or Wood, on the contiguous Geberghe, or Ridge, came to be designated as the Vlachte-Bos. Rustdorp, the Dutch name for Jamaica, say countrytown. Coe and his associates, in their application 1656, to Stuyvesant, for the land there, represent themselves as "living at a new plantation, near the Beaver path called Jemaico—hence the subsequent Jamaica. We find the Dutch Vlissengen, in the English Flushing; and the Armen Bourey, the farm purchased by the Deaconry of New York for the use of the Poor, translation as, the Poor Bowery. The Dutch called the Bay bounded on the south by the ocean, on the east by Long Island, on the north partly by the mouth of the Hudson and partly by the shore of New Jersey, and on the west wholly by the shore of New Jersey, and Staten Island as the Great Bay of New Netherland, and so called, as Van Der Donck expresses it. "Propter Excellentiam," eminently the Bay.

Newark Bay, from its relative situation to the Great Bay, they called Het achter Cul, literally the Back Bay; Cul, borrowed from the French Cul de sac, and also in use with the Dutch to signify a bay. Arthur Cul's Bay; the passage from it into the Great Bay they called Het Kill van het Cull, the Kill of the Cul, finally come to be expressed by the Kills. A reef in the Bay, not far from the mouth of the Kills, Robyns rift, seal reef; the seal heretofore frequently taken in the Bay, and Robyn, a name with the Dutch for it. The Strait between the Bay and the Sound, the latter also occasionally distinguished by them as the Great Bay, they denoted from its relative situation to the other two rivers, as the East river; the island at the entrance of it they called Nooten Island, corrupted to Nut Island, corrupted to Nutten Island, the name by which it was known till within the last fifty years, when it began at times to be spoken of, or referred to, as the Governor's Island, it having been reserved for the use of the Governor, and hence its present name exclusively, Governor's Island.

Long Island retains its Dutch name translated; and a legal name was assigned to it by an act of Assembly, 1693, the Island of Nassau. Staaten Island retains its name with a slight variance in the spelling, Staten Island. Among the first who came over, not improbable the very first as husbandmen, were some families of Walloons. A child born in 1625, named Sarah, the parents, Walloons, of the name of D'rapalje. The blessing of the relations of Rebecca seems to have rested on her. A tradition in the family is that she was the first white born here.

# THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN NEW NETHERLAND

**March 31, 1644.** The high fence, for the protection of our cattle from the attacks of wolves and the depredations of the Indians, has been completed across the Island of Manhattan "from the Great Bouwery to the plantation of Emanule. (Chambers Street).

**April 6, 1644.** Our great victory over the Algonquins, north of Stamford, has borne fruit. Mamaranck, Chief of the Kicktawancs (Croton River), Mongockonone and Pappennaharrow, Chiefs of the Weckquasesquecks (Harlem), Nochpeem, Chief of the Bronx and the Chief of the Wappingps (Stamford), have come to the Fort and asked for peace. Director Kieft has granted this on their promise of good conduct.

**April 15, 1644.** Gouwarrowe, Sachem of the Mattinecocks who live at Heemstede (Hemstead), Maspaeches (Maspeth), Hattinecock (Locust Valley) and Marospinck (Massapacka), has begged for peace for his people which has been granted on the condition that they will not afford shelter to any of the still hostile tribes at Rocken-hacky (Rockaway), "The Bay" (Jamaica Bay) and Marchenhawick.

**April 27, 1644.** Captain Blauvelt of the privateer La Garce has returned here with two rich Spanish prizes laden with sugar, tobacco, ebony wood and wine.

**April 29, 1644.** The treasury being empty, with large sums owing to the soldiers, Director Kieft has again convened the Eight Men and has asked them to levy excise duties to meet the emergency. They therefor, have today proclaimed that they "hereby do enact and ordain, that there shall be paid on each half vat of beer, lapt by the tavern keeper, two guilders (4/5c per gal.), half to be paid by the brewer and half by the tapster; the burgher who does not retail it, to pay half as much; on each quart of Spanish wine and brandy 4 stivers (40c); French wine two stivers; on each beaver hide brought to port, and purchased within our limits, one guilder (\$2.00) triplets and halves in proportion. All on pain of forfeiting of the goods; 1/3rd. for the informer, 1/3rd. for the officer, and the remainder for the Company.

**May 25, 1644.** Yesterday evening a Mohawk messenger arrived here having run from Poughkeepsie to this town, a distance of 75 English miles, between sunrise and sunset. He brought word to Director Kieft that the Mohawk ambassador is on his way here with a party of young warriors and will hold powwow with us. This is the annual Mohawk expedition for the collection of tribute from the River and Long Island Indians. These Mohawks will also expect presents from us of wampum, powder and lead.

**May 28, 1644.** The Mohawk warriors, all of the Turtle Clan, arrived here yesterday. There are eighty altogether and come in twenty canoes made of oak bark. They are all young men except for their chief who is old, but a man of great size and taller than any of them. They have camped in the Plaine just north of the Bowling Green. They are all armed with muskets as good

as any we have. They are much taller than our Indians, all more than six feet, and they are entirely naked and of extremely ferocious appearance. Dominie Bogardus says that only the Greeks of old can compare with them in physique. Our own Indians, who usually outnumber us in this town, have disappeared and not one is to be seen.

**May 30, 1644.** The Great Council, with our allies the Mohawks, was held today at the Bowling Green. Director Kieft had mobilized more than two hundred of our soldiers who manned the ramparts of the Fort and formed a double line behind him and our assemblage of notables including the Dominie and the Eight Men. The Indians were seated in a double row in the form of an arc, their old chief in the front. The ceremony opened with the firing of a cannon which greatly pleased the savages. Long speeches by the Chief and our Director followed, all through interpreters, although from his gestures one could almost understand what the Indian said, and this was followed by the exchange of wampum belts after the savages were presented with liberal gifts of powder and lead. When the ceremonies were concluded several oxen were driven in and were slaughtered on the spot by the Indians. A great feast followed that lasted until dark. These Iroquois are our fast friends and good feeling prevailed throughout. They leave tonight to collect their tribute of wampum of the Oyster Bay tribes.

**June 5, 1644.** During the past five months the following property transfers have been made by the West Indies Company,

- "The Tryntien Jonas, land south of the Fort west of Jacob Constepel's"
- "To Jan Jansen Damcen, land on Manhattan Island near Tyman Jansen"
- "The Cornelius Melyn, land next to Abel Riddenhaus"
- "To Philip Geraerdy land next to Cornelis Volkertsens"
- "To Michiel Marschan lot near Pieter Hilaenders"
- "To Claes Jansen Van Naerden, double lot near Fort Amsterdam and next to Rem Jansen's and Willem Cornelisen Costers"
- "To Hendrick Jansen Smitt, lot next to Gerrit Douman and d'Roye Jensen"
- "Abraham Jacobsen transfers land to Antony Jansen Van Fees".

**June 10, 1644.** The Ship "Blue Cock" has arrived here from Curacao with more than 200 refugees from the Brazilian debacle. Of these about a third are soldiers. This welcome reinforcement came by order of Pieter Stuyvesant, Governor of that place.

**June 15, 1644.** Gov. Kieft now has more than 450 soldiers under his command who by their drunkenness and idleness are a scandal to the town. And still the Indian war drags on and the Director does nothing about it.

# I N M E M O R I A M

## FREDERICK H. AMERMAN

Frederick H. Amerman, a member of The Holland Society of New York since March, 1889, died at his home in Montclair, N. J., March 17, 1944, following a stroke. He was a native of Newark and in 1916 he was vice-president of the Society from Essex county. At the trustees' meeting in June, 1940, it was voted to present Mr. Amerman with a fifty-year insignia. He was an elder of the Central Presbyterian Church and interested in the Y.M.C.A. Prior to retirement in 1932 he was associated with a New York brokerage firm. His widow, Mrs. Jane Newell Amerman; a son, Wilfred Amerman; a daughter and two sisters survive.

## WILLIAM PIERRE STYMS, JR.

William Pierre Styms, Jr., died in United Hospital, Port Chester, N. Y., on April 7, 1944. He had been a member of The Holland Society of New York since 1903.

## JEROME WELLS LE FEVRE

Jerome Wells Le Fevre, a native of New Paltz, N. Y. and a member of The Holland Society of New York since 1936, died on December 17, 1943, while visiting in Florida. He was the son of Isaac and Melissa (DuBois) Le Fevre and he was born in 1889.

## IRA DEYO LE FEVRE

Ira Deyo Le Fevre, who was born at New Hurley, N. Y., in 1884, died at Clifton Springs, N. Y., June 4, 1944. His home was in Schenectady, N. Y. and he joined The Holland Society of New York in 1932. He entered the employ of the General Electric Company when only 19 years of age and spent his entire career with that concern. In 1935 he was elected controller. He was a member of the concern's educational committee and founded the business training course instituted by the company. One of his sons, Lt. D. A. Le Fevre, U.S.A., was reported killed in action on May 9 in Burma. In addition to his widow he is survived by another son, Lt. Ira Deyo Le Fevre, Jr., in the medical service of the Navy, two daughters, and a sister.

---

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF

The Society has received the following acquisitions to its Library by gift and exchange:

From Herbert S. Ackerman: "Ackermann Family", as published in *Genealogisches Burgenlicher Familien*.

From California State Society Sons of the Revolution: The Bulletin, January-March, 1944.

From Demarest Family Association: Supplement II to The Demarest Family.

From The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: Magazine, January-April, 1944.

From The Right Honorable Philippa, Countess of Galloway: "Folk Tales from Scotland", Retold by Philippa Galloway (1943).

From James Spencer Hedden: Colonial Wars of America. A Synopsis of the Military and Civil Records of Some of the New Haven Men originally buried on New Haven Green (1944).

From Francklyn Hoogeboom: Genealogical Records of the Hoogeboom Family in America, with notes on some Allied Branches, compiled by Francklyn Hoogeboom (1943).

From State Historical Society of Iowa: The Iowa Journal of History and Politics, April, 1944. The Palimpsest, March-May, 1944.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: The Register, April, 1944.

From The Knapp Family Association of America: Bulletin, April, 1944.

From The Marine Museum of the City of New York: Annual Report 1943.

From Michigan Historical Commission: Michigan History, April-June, 1944.

From Minnesota Historical Society: Minnesota History, Index to Vol. 24, 1943, March, 1944.

From The Netherland-America Foundation: Monthly Letter, March-May, 1944.

From The Netherland Publishing Corporation: Knickerbocker Weekly, March-June, 1944.

From The Netherlands Information Bureau: Booklet No. 10:

Dutch Emigration to North America, 1624-1860, by B. H. Wabeke (1944).

List of Library Acquisitions, March-May, 1944.

Netherlands News Digest, March-May, 1944.

From The Genealogical Society of New Jersey: The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey for July, 1943.

From New Jersey Historical Society: Proceedings, April, 1944.

New Jersey Archives, First Series, Vol. XXXVIII, Abstracts of Wills, Vol. IX, 1796-1800.

From The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society: The Record, April, 1944.

From The New York Historical Society: Collections 1941-1942; National Academy of Design Exhibition Record, 1826-1860. 2 Vols. Quarterly Bulletin, April, 1944.

From New York State Historical Association: New York History, April, 1944. Bulletin, May, 1944.

From Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio: Bulletin, March, 1944. The Centenary of the Cincinnati Observatory, November 5-1943.

From The Historical Society of Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, April, 1944.

From Severn D. Spong: Regulations for the Army of the U. S., 1857.

From St. George's Society of New York: Year Book 1944.

From Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick: Year Book 1943.

From Mervin S. Van Brunt: 37 Holland Society Year Books, 3 St. Nicholas of Nassau Island books, and miscellaneous papers.

From The Wyckoff Association in America: The Wyckoff Family Bulletin, February, 1944 and A Directory of the Wyckoff Family in America, 1944.

From Miss Alma Rogers Van Hoevenberg: The Knickerbocker Jingles, by Maud Stotenburgh Eliot (1927).

From John S. Wurtz: Second Supplement to Part II of Magna Charta Romanae and Pedigrees.

From The Wyckoff Association in America: The Wyckoff Family Bulletin, November, 1943.

From Yale University Press: The Yale Review, Winter, 1944.

---

Organized in 1885 "to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse"; composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

---



de  
**Halve Maen**



*The*  
**HOLLAND SOCIETY**  
VOL. XIX • No. 4



*of* NEW YORK  
NOVEMBER, 1944

# The Holland Society of New York

90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

*President:*

Ottomar H. Van Norden

*Vice-Presidents:*

New York County	Frank H. Vedder
Kings County	A. Lloyd Lott
Queens County	Howard D. Springsteen
Suffolk County	Ferdinand L. Wyckoff
Nassau County	George D. Van Houten
Westchester County	Irving B. Lydecker
Dutchess County	John H. Dingman, M.D.
Ulster County	J. E. Hasbrouck, Jr.
Albany County	C. Reeve Vanneman
Schenectady County	William V. B. Van Dyck
Bergen County, N. J.	Theodore Van Winkle
Essex County, N. J.	Frederick A. Lydecker
Passaic County, N. J.	Dr. Robert J. De Groat
Union County, N. J.	Frederick C. Hyer
Middlesex County, N. J.	Richard K. Hoogland
Monmouth County, N. J.	Harold V. B. Voorhis
Mercer County, N. J.	Raymond B. Voorhees
New England	Dr. George S. Van Riper
The South	Kingsland Van Winkle
Pacific Coast	Ozé Van Wyck
United States Army	Col. Arthur Poillon
United States Navy	Capt. J. E. Ostrander, Jr.

*Treasurer:*

Harold O. Voorhis

*Secretary:*

Harold E. Ditmars

*Domine:*

Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen

*Trustees:*

Hon. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. (1947)	Wilfred B. Talmam (1946)
Frederick L. Bergen (1946)	Rufus Cole Van Aken (1947)
Seth Toby Cole (1948)	William T. Van Atten (1948)
Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr. (1946)	Ed. M. Van Buren, Jr. (1945)
Franklyn Hoogboom (1947)	John de C. Van Etten (1945)
Col. Leigh K. Lydecker (1945)	Walter H. Van Hoesen (1946)
Walter M. Meserole (1947)	Ottomar H. Van Norden (1945)
Franklyn J. Poucher (1948)	Hon. Geo. S. Van Schaick (1948)
Rich'd Schermerhorn, Jr. (1945)	William Van Wyck (1947)
Henry R. Sutphen (1948)	Frank H. Vedder (1946)

*Editor:*

Walter H. Van Hoesen

*Editorial Committee:*

Max L. Van Norden, Vice-Chairman	Howard Osterhout
Richard H. Amerman	Franklyn J. Poucher
Hevlyn Dirck Benson	Wilfred B. Talmam
John A. Bogart	Thomas E. Van Winkle
H. Gail Davis	Stryker Williamson
Albert E. Oliver	



NEW YORK CITY

NOVEMBER, 1944

## Trustees' Meeting

Deep sympathy with the tragic sufferings of the people in Holland and other war torn countries was expressed on behalf of the Society at the quarterly meeting of the Trustees held at the Metropolitan Club, this city, on Thursday evening, October 12.

Communications from several members urging some definite action on the part of the Society to prevent added destruction and extend relief abroad led to a serious discussion of what action might be possible or feasible. It was the judgment of the Trustees that the United States is doing its utmost to alleviate conditions both by military and diplomatic measures which undoubtedly would be carried into the post-war period.

The Holland Society of New York and other patriotic organizations whose members are descendant of pioneering settlers in this country are assisting in the liberation of oppressed people of the world through our own Government, in the opinion of the Trustees. Separate action is not practicable.

Fourteen new applications for membership were approved and several requests for re-instatement were granted. The loss of ten members by death was reported.

Special mention was made by trustee Walter M. Mescerle of two books written by members of the Society and copies of which have been received as gifts for the library. One volume is William C. De Witt's "History of Kingston" and the other a "History of the Davis Family in Ulster County" by H. Gail Davis. It was voted to send letters of appreciation to each author.

Despite the loss of revenue owing to the remission of dues for 142 members in military service the affairs of the Society are in excellent condition, it was reported by Treasurer Harold O. Voorhis. It was voted to hold over until the December meeting the matter of a small additional appropriation to meet increased publishing costs for De Halve Maen.

President Ottmar H. Van Norden presided and supper was served following the business session.

## Sixtieth Banquet

The Sixtieth annual banquet of the Holland Society of New York will be held on Thursday evening, November 16th, in the grand ballroom of The Plaza Hotel, 59th Street and 5th Avenue. Assembly will be at 6:30 o'clock and dinner at 7:00 o'clock.

The Committee has been particularly fortunate in obtaining as speakers for the occasion Rear Admiral William Robert Monroe, commandant of the 3rd Naval District which includes New York and Reverend Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, pastor of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, this city.

Dr. Alexander Loudon, Ambassador to the United States from The Netherlands, will extend greeting from his native country. His presence will be significant in view of the nearly complete liberation of Holland by forces of the United Nations.

The committee is making every effort to have the banquet an unusual success. The closing date for seating list reservations has been set at November 10th.

## Tappan Church

The Reformed Church at Tappan, N. Y., founded in 1694 by the early Dutch settlers in Rockland county, has been observing its 250th anniversary with a series of events started by special religious services on Sunday, October 22 and concluding with a dinner on October 24. Ancestors of many members of The Holland Society of New York, were among the founding fathers and by direction of the Trustees it was officially represented at the observance by Trustee Wilfred Talmam.

The church is closely identified with the history of the section and its records have been published in the Society's yearbooks. Within the church the trial of Major Andre, traitor to the American Revolutionary cause, was conducted and it also served as a military hospital during the struggle.

# A C T I V I T I E S   O F   T H E   B R A N C H E S

## DUTCHESS COUNTY

The fifty-fifth annual dinner of the Dutchess County Branch was held at the Nelson House in Poughkeepsie on the night of October 3, in accordance with the custom of marking the anniversary of raising the siege at Leyden, Holland, in 1754. There was a record attendance of members from Dutchess and more distant points, including officers of the Society and Burgher Guard to make a delegation of eleven from New York.

The justly famed Poucher's punch was served at a social period prior to the dinner and its blending was supervised by none other than Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, who originated it soon after the first of the branch gatherings which have always been held at the Nelson House.

Dr. John H. Dingman, who was re-elected vice-president of the branch, presided and Trustee Franklyn J. Poucher acted as toastmaster. Norman H. Polhemus was chosen secretary-treasurer. President Ottomar H. Van Norden of the Society, Trustee Walter M. Meserole and Congressman Jay LeFevre spoke and numerous others contributed

to the occasion with observations and anecdotes. Trustee Rufus Cole Van Aken headed the Burgher Guard contingent. Secretary Harold Ditmars, Trustees Frank Vedder and William Van Atten and Vice-Presidents Springsteen of Queens, Lydecker of Westchester and Van Houten of Nassau attended.

## ESSEX COUNTY

The Essex County Branch held a dinner meeting at the Newark Athletic Club 16 Park Place, Newark, at 7 o'clock on the night of Wednesday, October 25. Assembly was in the cocktail bar and afforded members an opportunity to "put on wooden shoes" and mingle with others of Dutch colonial ancestry, according to Vice-President Frederick A. Leydecker. Society officers attended.

## ULSTER COUNTY

The Governor Clinton Hotel in Kingston will be the scene of a dinner meeting under auspices of the Ulster County Branch on the night of December 9.

## New Members

The Trustees approved the following applications for membership on Oct. 12:

**WILLIS CLARK CONOVER.** Army Officer  
Little Silver, New Jersey

**MILTON LEE VAN DUZOR.** Corporal, U. S. Army  
Camp Gordon, Georgia

**EDWARD AUGUSTUS CONGER.** Federal Judge  
9 Balding Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

**CHARLES OLIVER CONGER.** Secretary of Chamber of Com.  
285 Church Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

**EDWARD J. CONGER.** U. S. Army  
9 Balding Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

**CHARLES EDWARD CONGER.** Exporter  
285 Church Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

**FRANCIS CORNELIUS CONGER.** U. S. Navy  
285 Church Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

**ROBERT EDWARD HYLER.** U.S.N.T.C.  
15 Norwood Avenue, Summit, N. J.

**WALTER EARL DITMARS.**  
Riverdale-on-Hudson, N. Y. C.

**JOSEPH DAHLER HERRING.**  
Norwood, N. J.

**ROBERT MCVICAR PRUYN.**  
Yonkers, N. Y.

**ROBERT SCOTT PRUYN.**  
Yonkers, N. Y.

**DAVID VAN ALSTYNE, Jr.**  
Englewood, N. J.

**WASHINGTON IRVING VAN DER POEL.**  
Hempstead, N. Y.

## The Beaver Again

A type of landing barge for use by our armed forces has been nicknamed "The Beaver" by vote of workers on the job.

The name was chosen as most appropriate "because this barge is sturdy, hard-working, fast traveling and because its landing ramp, like the beaver's tail, slaps down at the moment for action."

The Holland Society symbol is aptly described.

## THE VERSATILE BERGENS

It seems after Hans Hansen Bergen removed to his farm at the Wallabout consisting of some 400 acres which were granted to him by Gov. Kieft in 1647, he had frequent troubles with the Indians. Several times he is said to have been chased off his property by the red-skins.

On one of these incursions, it seems that the Indians were a little faster on their feet than Bergen. Realizing his predicament, he hastily scrambled up a nearby tree. From this vantage point he was for the moment safe from violence, but he was unable to bargain with his captors, whereupon he sung hymns to them so well that they let him go free.

## HUDSON RIVER FERRY

The first legalized ferry between Manhattan Island and New Jersey operated from the foot of Cortland Street to the foot of Communipaw Avenue and was started in the fall of 1660 by William Jansen.

## READINGTON CHURCH

The Reformed Church at Readington, Somerset County, N. J., observed the 225th Anniversary of its founding on October 14-15. The church was organized in 1719 by descendants of the original settlers in New Amsterdam after they had migrated to New Jersey and its records are a valuable part of the Society's library.

## DUTCH NAMES OF STREETS

**Ed. Note:** Following is the second in a series of excerpts from articles written by Egbert Benson (1743-1833) on the nomenclature of the Dutch in Nieuw Amsterdam contributed by Hevlyn Dirck Benson, a descendant.

Pearl Street, its Dutch name translated, originally extended only to Whitehall Street, the name of which was from the Whitehall Inn, the private property of Governor Dongan, destroyed by fire, and its ruins referred to in a conveyance of 1724. On the east side from Pearl Street upwards to at least as far as Stone Street (*Het Steen Straat*), perhaps so distinguished as the only one left, the Dutch West India Company had their Packhuysen or warehouse, and it was known as the Winckel-street or shopping street of the day. The ground on the west side was open for market and was known as the Marktveld, the Market Field, and hence a passage to it from Broad Street was the Marktveld Steegje, Market Field Lane.

Broad Street was originally a graft, a term signifying a ditch or street with a canal in it. While a graft, it was also usually known as the Heere Graft, Lord's Graft and at times also as the Breedie, Broad Graft. The canal extended as far as Beaver-Street and there divided into two branches, one to the west on what is now Beaver Street, the other to the east, now the eastern portion of Beaver-street. The Prince's Graft terminated in a Sloot, narrow ditch as a landing place for the country people coming to market in their canoes. The canal and ditch were ordered to be filled up in 1687 and the street to be levelled and paved. The street between the Winckel-street and the bridge across the canal Brugge, Bridge-street. The portion of Pearl Street, from Broad Street, or the termination of Custom-House-street, to at least as far as the first lane or alley was known as the Hooge, High-street. The Stadhuy's, City Hall fronted the slip and the sheriff, in 1691, was ordered to prepare a ducking-stool, intended to deter from scolding a species of excess of freedom of speech, and however it might have suited at the time, certainly now, according to some late and highly respectable opinions on the subject of crime and punishment, a means of restraint too rigorous to comport with the mild and free spirit of our re-

publican government. The dwelling-house of Coenradt Ten Eyck also there and so the name of the slip Coentjes, or Coenradt's, slip. His tannery extended to a lane in the rear and the bark mill was immediately on the lane. The English Mill-street soon supplanted the Dutch Slyk Steeg, Mud-lane.

The portion of Pearl Street to Wall Street was open to the river like a street in Amsterdam. The term will lead to its derivation, and its derivation to its meaning, the exterior, or encircling, street. It followed the curvatures of the shore, so that when Wall Street was laid out from Broadway, and, where it approached the river, widened, some of the lots, in that part now became bounded by it, and hence the name Cingel at times applied to both streets, and accordingly lots were expressed as situated in the Cingel or Wall-street.

A line of palisades sometimes mentioned as the city-walls extended from the one river to the other. At its point on the East River it was of stone known as the Half-Moon, and fires for the pitch-pots for vessels were permitted to be made against it. Its situation in the present Water Street somewhere between Wall Street and Pine Street. The line crossed Broadway, not many feet north of the northwestern corner of Trinity Church. There were two gates in it—one in Broadway, distinguished as the Landt Poort, and the other at the Half-Moon, on the East River, distinguished as the Water Poort and at times, and even in grants and other documents in English, mentioned as the Strand, or East, Port.

An order as late as 1679, "that the gates be locked before 9 o'clock and opened at daylight." Adjacent to the Half-Moon was the Waal, or the place where the ships rode at anchor in the East River—doubtless the place where goods were landed or shipped off, and hence the name of the Waal-street, very early corrupted to Wall-street.

## Constitution Day

The Holland Society was represented by a large delegation of Burgher Guard and other members at Constitution Day services on the steps of the sub-Treasury, Wall and Broad Streets, at noon on September 18. Trustee William Van Wyck presided as president of the New York Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Members of the Guard adjourned to the Downtown Athletic Club at conclusion of the program.

## Queen WILHELMENIA

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands observed her 64th birthday a few weeks ago with new hope that the ravished people she leads will be freed soon by the force of Allied armies. She has lived among us and might almost be termed an American by adoption. In the Holland Society of New York she is held in even higher regard and respect because of an ancestry which goes back to her land centuries ago. It will indeed be a happy day when final liberation comes to our cousins overseas.

## HERE AND THERE WITH MEMBERS

The following members have entered the armed forces since our July issue: Edward J. Conger, Francis Cornelius Conger, Milton Lee Van Duzor and Robert Edward Hyer.

**Warrant Officer Eugene van Houten**, in command of a mine planter in the Pacific, has been home on furlough and visited the Society Headquarters on Sept. 6.

**Lewis B. Sebring, Jr.**, returned in July from a year's assignment in Australia as a correspondent with the American troops and after a rest at his home in Schenectady he took on new duties in newspaper work.

**Sherman P. Voorhees** has been advanced to a major in the Army Air Corps, assigned to the technical data laboratory, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

**Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen**, domine of the Society, has formulated a seven-year plan of sermons on "every book in the Bible from Genesis to Revelations" to preach at the Middle Collegiate Reformed Church, New York City, in order that his congregation may "know how to meet the problems of life."

**Edmund Rushmore** of Kingwood Park, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has written us of his activities this summer and has sent us a clipping of the award of the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Seipan to his son-in-law, Major A. C. O'Hara. His exploits were outstanding. Mr. Rushmore has a very attractive family.

**Eugene Hotaling** sends word from London that he favors the Society keeping up functions during the war. They form a necessary background for the future when members return from war service, he writes to former President Arthur R. Wendell.

**Captain Theodore D. Vreeland**, USNC, has returned from the South Pacific War Area and is visiting Mr. and Mrs Charles S. Van Syckel at Princeton, N. J.

**Lieut. and Mrs. Richard A. Springs** are parents of a daughter born last July.

**Joseph Deyo** of Gardiner has been appointed to the Ulster County civil service commission to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Clarence Hoornbeck of Ellenville.

**Herbert Stewart Ackerman** is gathering material on several allied lines in the Ackerman family.

**Harold V. B. Voorhis** has started a one-man campaign to bring about improvement of long neglected cemeteries and old burial plots in Monmouth County, N. J., including several in Middletown.

**Percy H. Kittle** writes that his son, **Bain H. Kittle**, is a Private, Co. L, 86th Infantry. His son-in-law, **Raymond M. Smith**, is a Lt., U.S.N.R., 3rd Fleet Staff.

**Jay Le Fevre**, who is a member of the House of Representatives, writes that he has passed the summer between New Paltz, his home, and Washington. He reports that his son, **Jay Abram Le Fevre**, at the time of writing was in Walter Reed Hospital. His nephew, **Philip Le Fevre Denniston**, was in Naval duty in the Caribbean area.

**John Van Brunt, Jr.**, has been admitted to membership in the law firm with which he is associated in Wilmington, Del.

**William C. DeWitt's** "History of Kingston, Rondout and Vicinity" covering the period from 1820 to 1943 has come from the printer and is in course of distribution.

**Hevelyn Dirck Benson** reports that his son, **Hevelyn Dirck Benson, Jr.**, is on active duty with the Coast Guard.

**Rev. Harry Howe Bogert** reports that his nephew, **Capt. William Russell Bogert**, U. S. Marines, is stationed at Cherry Point, N. C.

**Frederick Ives Brower** reports that his son, **Craig Abbot Brower**, was commissioned Ensign, U.S.N., on August 10th and was married the same day to Miss Anne Bonines of Swarthmore, Pa.

**Morse Burris** spent the summer at Camp Kawanhee in Maine, where he was one of the staff.

**William Miller Collier** writes that he plans to spend the winter in the South.

**Henry S. Conover** writes that he has two nephews in service: Thomas Burrowes, 3rd, Commander, U.S.N. and Willard C. Magalhaes, Major, U. S. Army. Both have had long service overseas.

**H. Gail Davis** has completed a genealogy of his branch of the Rhoades family. He finds chasing ancestors a more fascinating avocation than chasing a golf ball.

**William S. Decker, II**, is an Ensign in the Navy somewhere overseas.

**Commodore Eckford Craven de Kay**, retired, reports his son, **Eckford James de Kay** is with the 95th Division, Artillery Brigade overseas.

**Frederick P. De Witt** has been busy with farming and law work. His nephew, **Captain John E. De Witt**, is with the Navy in the South Pacific.

**Captain Virgil B. De Witt, M.C.**, reports from Camp Mackall, N. C.

**Robert B. Elting**, son of **Jacob Elting** recently was graduated from the Army Air Forces Technical School at Yale University and was commissioned Second Lieutenant. He is assigned to Westover Field, Mass., as a Bombsight Maintenance Officer.

**Alfred Hasbrouck** is in the Army stationed at Honolulu.

**Hugh H. Lansing**, who served in the Spanish American War, reports his grandson, James Lansing Hills, in the Navy. His son, **James Haswell Lansing** served in World War No. 1. He has had a Lansing ancestor in every war since 1665.

**James A. Lansing** spent a month at Watertown, N. Y., near his boyhood home which he left 72 years ago.

**Joseph O. Hasbrouck** of the 353 Fighter Squadron and Flight Chief of the 354th Fighter Group has been in France since "D" day.

**A. B. Huyck** reports concerning his three sons: **Captain Charles S. Huyck** is an Artillery Officer on the Italian front; he has come through North Africa and Sicily. **Lt. Frank B. Huyck** is an Infantry Instructor at Camp Blanding, Fla. **Sgt. Robert W. Huyck** is Tailgunner on a Liberator Bomber based in England.

**Walter Hyer** writes that his son, **Robert Edward Hyer**, U.S.N., is at Camp Sampson, N. Y.

# ELIZABETH, NEWARK AND THE DUTCH

By Thomas E. Van Winkle

History records that most of the first settlers of Newark and Elizabethtown were at one time citizens of New Netherland.

The primary cause of the early migration of congregations from New England was the insistence on maintaining their own theocratic rule. The strict Congregational viewpoint did not allow any compromise with those of other beliefs on religious, political or social questions.

Although as early as 1643 preliminary discussions were begun by New Englanders for permission to settle in territory controlled by the Dutch, it was not until 1660 that anything definite was presented. During the period from 1660 to 1663 negotiations continued, which resulted in permission being granted by Governor Stuyvesant for a settlement in the vicinity of the Achter Kull. Due to differences which now appear minor, no agreement was reached. The negotiations, however, indicate fairly close relations between the English and the Dutch and agreements might have followed if a radical change in government had not occurred.

On Sept. 8, 1664, an English fleet under Colonel Richard Nicolls entered the Narrows and control of New Netherland was assumed by the English. On Sept. 26, 1664, a petition was submitted to Colonel Nicolls by John Bailes, Daniel Denton, Thomas Benydicke, Nathan Denton, John Foster and Luke Watson, (temporarily) of Jamaica, Long Island, representing a group, requesting permission to settle opposite Staten Island. The request was granted and some of this group began the construction of homes in November, 1664. In July, 1665, an organized settlement was established near the Achter Kull by a number of persons under Governor Philip Carteret, and called Elizabethtown in honor of Lady Elizabeth, wife of Sir George Carteret, Lord Proprietor. Governor Carteret then sent agents to New England to obtain additional settlers for the colonization of this territory and granted liberal arrangements.

Robert Treat and the Reverend Abraham Pier-  
son accepted the invitation for their constituents  
and early in May, 1666, a contingent from Milford,  
consisting of about thirty families arrived on the  
Pescak River and established a settlement which  
subsequently was called Newark. On May 21,  
1667, at the first town meeting agreements were  
entered into between the congregations from Mil-  
ford and delegates from Branford and Gilford, (Connecticut), settlers from these later congregations  
arriving shortly thereafter. Names of the  
early settlers of Elizabethtown and Newark are  
available in local histories.

**Robert R. Livingston** writes that he is still Chair-  
man of the Columbia County Ration Board, of  
which he has been a member since its inception.

**Frederick R. Lydecker**, Flying Officer of the  
Royal Air Force, writes that he has enjoyed a two  
weeks' furlough at Kashmir, India. He has been  
abroad over five years and looks forward to a  
long furlough home.

**Lieutenant John K. Lydecker**, of the U. S. Army

In 1672 war broke out between England and Holland and a fleet of five vessels was sent by the Dutch to recover New Netherland, which the English had taken under Colonel Nicolls. On August 10, 1673, the port of New York was taken by this fleet and New Netherland again became a Dutch dependency, remaining so until the signing of a treaty in 1674. Under the final settlement some provisions of which had been agreed upon previously, the Dutch waived their rights to New Netherland and the English waived their rights to Dutch Guiana. The official news of this arrangement did not reach the colonists until the end of 1674, or the first of 1675. Preceding the reestablishment of the Dutch government, a dispute was in progress between the settlers and the English authorities in reference to land titles and many of the settlers, English as well as Dutch, welcomed the change in government when the Dutch assumed control.

During the period between 1673 and 1675 the territory was under the Dutch and practically all of the English settlers of Newark and Elizabethtown and others of English extraction in other localities signed an oath of allegiance to the Dutch government. In so doing they were allowed to remain in possession of their property and to retain most of their local ordinances and customs. The actual signatures of a number of the settlers taking this oath are still in existence and a photostat copy is on file in the Holland Society library.

In general the lists containing the signatures are in poor condition, the signatures of the Newark list being the most legible. The surnames of the Newark families, members of which took the oath of allegiance, Sept. 14, 1673, are—Crane, Bond, Ward, Pierson, Kittchin, Swaine, Harrison, Rogers, Bruen, Freeman, Curtice, Baldwin, Tompkins, Pennington, Tichnell, Camp, Smith, Carwithy, Riggs, Wheeler, Day, Johnson, Denmission, Treatt, Cottlin, Richards, Davids, Plumb, Sargent (?), Rosee, Ball, Broune, Burwell, Luddington, Walters, Canfield, Dolglass, Lingle, Huntington, Baldwin, Laurence (?), Alberts (?), Dod, Oleff, Fletcher, Abbott, Shores, Lyon, Robberts, Munro, Browne, Homes.

The descendants in the direct male line of the inhabitants of Newark and Elizabeth during this period of Dutch control are eligible to become members of the Holland Society of New York. It is suggested that if any member has among his friends and acquaintances descendants on the male line of these early settlers, he invite them to join the Society, or send their names to the membership committee.

Air Force, has completed his combat training and is now a Pilot on a Liberator Bomber.

**Lieutenant Robert C. Lydecker**, U.S.N.R., having been on duty in the Caribbean is now stationed at Quonset Point, R. I. as Supply Officer of the Anti-Submarine Development Detachment.

**John H. Myers**, who has been a member since 1895, spent the summer at his home in White Plains, N. Y.

# THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN NEW NETHERLAND

**June 1644.** The Council of the Eight Men has reduced the duty on Beaver to 15 Stivers (\$1.50) a pelt and ordered that all peltries on hand be brought in and marked on peril of confiscation.

**July 1644.** No funds being available to pay the soldiers, Director Kieft, some time since, drew a bill of exchange on the Directors of the West India Company in Amsterdam for two thousand, six hundred and twenty guilders (\$1,045.00). This draft has now been returned protested for non acceptance. The prospect for any relief from home is slender.

**July 1644.** We have sad news from Holland. It is reported that the West India Company is bankrupt; its Directors without means and without credit; its different Chambers torn with dissension and distrust. An attempt to combine our Company with the powerful East India Company has failed. The situation of our colony is critical indeed.

**July 1644.** The Eight Men have dispatched a Memorial to their High Mightinesses, the States General, and to the Amsterdam Chamber of the West India Company setting forth the distressed condition of our province. They state, "It is impossible to settle this country until a different system be introduced here and a new governor be sent out with more people who will settle in suitable places, one near another, in the form of villages or hamlets, and elect from among themselves a Bailiff or Schout and Schepens who will be empowered to send their deputies and give their votes on public affairs with the Director and Council; so that the entire country may not be hereafter, at the whim of one man, again reduced to a similar danger."

**July 1644.** Now that the reinforcement of soldiers, along with other people, has arrived from Curacao the Council has decided to dismiss gradually the remaining English soldiers "in the most civil manner." They have further determined to billet on each of the commonalty, according to his rank and circumstances, one or more of the Dutch soldiers, for which billeting the Company will pay whenever it has the funds.

**August 1644.** Additional duties and taxes to provide clothing for the soldiers have been levied by the Council and great excitement prevails. The people protest that the clothing and equipment of the soldiers is an obligation of the Company and this expense should not be passed on to them. The Attorney General has proceeded to the collection of these taxes with the utmost vigor. The Eight Men opposed this latest revenue project and the breach between them and Director Kieft has widened.

**August 1644.** According to a survey that has recently been made there are now more Indians than Whites residing on Manhattan Island. Some of these Savages in the lower part of the Island are Canarssees but the greater number are Weckquaesgeeks. They are scattered, in many villages, from the corn lands above the Collect (Canal and Broadway) to the Wading Place on Spuyten Duyvil creek, at the northern end of the Island where the old Indian trail passes over into the Bronx.

They live in bark houses, sometimes as many as fifty in a dwelling. They dress in the skins of animals in winter and go nearly naked in summer. Their food is maize crushed fine and baked in cakes and birds and animals but chiefly they live on oysters, clams, lobsters and fish, of which they have an abundance. Although they have only bows and arrows for arms, many of these savages are fierce and dangerous, but since our great victory last spring they have moved their dwellings to the inaccessible and little known territory on the west side of the Island and away from the Old Trail that goes up along the East River.

**August 1644.** An acute controversy has developed between the Eight Men on the one hand and Director Kieft and his Council, Bastiaen Janssen Crol, Mr. La Montagne, Attorney General Van der Huygens, Capt. Jan de Fries and Capt. Oudemarck, on the other. Each group has accused the other of waste and fraud. Meanwhile our people are being murdered in the country hereabouts and our soldiers remain idle in the fort.

**September 1644.** Atty.-General Van der Huygens, at the order of Director Kieft, has brought libel suits against the Eight Men and many other individuals who have criticized the Administration. The Eight Men, on their part, have written a complaint to the Lords of the Company in Amsterdam, reviewing at length and condemning the Administration of the Director and petitioning the Honorable Body to recall him.

**October 1644.** A group of English families from the Colony of New Haven have crossed the Sound from Stamford and have established plantations on the north side of Long Island, east of Martin Gerritsens, on Cow Bay, in that part which we call Heemstede (Hemstead) after a place of some respectability in the Province of Zealand. They have obtained a patent of incorporation from the Director-General and the Council, similar to that already granted to other towns and have established courts, appointed magistrates and will manage their own local affairs.

**October 1644.** The States General have concluded an Inquiry into the affairs of our Colony and after considering the many complaints received have determined that New Netherland is a source of no profit to the Company that the opening of trade has not advanced its settlement and those who are attracted by the trade here do not remain. In appointing deputies to the Assembly of XIX their High Mightinesses have instructed them to report fully on the condition of our province as well as to make recommendations that may promote its safety and welfare.

**October 1644.** Nicholas Coorn, Commander of Rensselaers-Stein, and speaking for Kilian Van Rensselaer, has formally defied Atty.-General Van der Huygens to interfere in any way with his fort on Beeren (Bear) Island (In the Hudson below Albany) where he is now collecting his "staple right"; a toll of five guilders (\$2.00) from every vessel passing that point. Coorn, on behalf of the Patroon, claims sovereign jurisdiction over navigation on that part of the Hudson River.

# RECIPES OF EARLY DUTCH

The following recipes have been handed down from the early Dutch housewives of New Amsterdam:

Doughnuts (Oley Koecks) — One pint of milk, one cup fresh yeast, flour to make a stiff batter mix at night; in the morning add five eggs, two cups of sugar, one cup of shortening (half butter and half lard), one teaspoonful of soda, flour to make like bread dough; let stand until light, which will be two or three hours; have ready chopped apples sweetened and flavored with nutmeg and raisens; roll out and cut in pieces about four inches square, place a tablespoonful of apple on each square, double over and pinch together, drop in hot lard to fry.

Jumbles (Koeckies) — One pound of flour, one-half pound of sugar, less than half pound of butter, 3 eggs, 4 teaspoons sweet milk, 1 teaspoon saleratus.

Dried biscuits (Old Dutch) — Take 1½ pints of warm milk, 1 cake compressed yeast, 1 teaspoonful salt and flour enough to make a sponge; when light, which will probably be in a half hour, add a quarter pound of butter and knead with flour to about the consistency of bread; let rise again and then mould each biscuit in two parts, putting one on top of another, that they may be broken open more easily; put in pans and let rise before baking; when baked break open and put in the warming oven until thoroughly dried.

Soft waffles (Old Dutch) — 1 quart of milk, make a batter with flour, raise with yeast, when light add four eggs, one quarter pound of melted butter and a little salt; beat all together, let rise

again and add half a cup of sugar. Eat with sauce.

Fried Spack and Opples — Take slices of pickled pork, fry them well, then take slices of apple and fry in the hot fat; if the apples are sour, put a little molasses or brown sugar over them, when the apples are brown turn over and brown on the other side; serve with the slices of pork laid around the edge of dish. If the apples are sweet do not add sweetening.

Mince Pie (Old Dutch) — Seven bowls of chopped tart apples, three bowls of chopped meat, seven pounds of sugar, one gallon cider (not sweet), seven nutmeg, four tablespoonful cinnamon, two spoonfuls of cloves, two pounds of raisens, one pound of currants, one pound of citron, salt and pepper.

Buling Pudding — Four quarts of water, let it come to boil; add one pint of rice, two cups of sugar, one fourth pound of cinnamon, one tablespoonful of salt and buckwheat enough to make a very stiff batter; boil half an hour; put in pie dishes and when cold cut in slices and fry.

In the old recipes pearlash is used, but in modern version soda and baking powder have been substituted. The early Hollanders made their own pearlash by burning either corn cobs or a bit of wood, often birch or maple on the hearth and from the clean ashes put in water they obtained carbonate of potash.

Old waffle irons, with initials of owners and the date, are still in existence. Cook stoves were not introduced until about 1825 or later, prior to which time cooking was done over an open fire.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF

The Society has received the following acquisitions to its Library by gift and exchange:

From American Historical Association: Annual Report, 1942, Vol. II.

From Harold K. Bowen: American Ancestors of Barbara Evelyn Bowen, 1944.

From California State Society Sons of the Revolution: The Bulletin, April-June, 1944.

From C. V. Compton: Comptencyology, August, 1944.

From Cornell University Library: The Sullivan Expedition of 1779, by Albert Hazen Wright.

From H. Gail Davis: Kit Davis and His Kin, by H. Gail Davis, 1944.

From Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: Magazine, May-June, 1944.

From William C. De Witt: People's History of Kingston, Rondout and Vicinity, 1820-1943.

From The State Historical Society of Iowa: The Palimpsest, June-September, 1944. The Iowa Journal of History and Politics, July, 1944.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: The Register, July, 1944.

From Michigan Historical Commission: Michigan Historical Magazine, July-September, 1944. Analytic Index to Vols. 1-25.

From The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States: Commemoration of Founder's Day, April 15th, 1805, in Philadelphia; Seventy-ninth Annual Meeting of New York State Commandery.

From Minnesota Historical Society: Minnesota History, June-September, 1944.

From The Netherland-America Foundation: Monthly Letter, June, 1944.

From Netherlands Information Bureau: Library Accession List, July-September, 1944. Netherlands News, July-August, 1944.

Netherlands News Digest, June-September, 1944.

From New Canaan Historical Society: Annual, Vol. I, No. 2, June, 1944.

From New England Society in the City of New York: One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Report, 1943.

From The Genealogical Society of New Jersey: The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, October, 1943.

From New Jersey Historical Society: Proceedings, July, 1944.

From New York Genealogical and Biographical Society: The Record, July, 1944.

From The New York Historical Society: Quarterly Bulletin, July, 1944.

From New York State Historical Association: New York History, July, 1944. Bulletin, September, 1944.

From Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio: Bulletin, June, 1944.

From Historical Society of Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, July, 1944.

From Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York: Year Book 1944.

From Saint Nicholas Society of New York: Officers and Members, May, 1944.

From Staten Island Historical Society: The Staten Island Historian, January-March, 1944.

From Library of the late George B. Wendell: Voyages of the Slave St. John and Arms of Amsterdam, 1659, 1663; Together with Additional Papers Illustrative of the Slave Trade under the Dutch. Translated from the original manuscripts, with an introduction and index, By E. B. O'Callaghan, Albany, 1867.

From The Wyckoff Association in America: The Wyckoff Family Bulletin, June, 1944.

# I N M E M O R I A M

## HENRY W. HOAGLAND

Dr. Henry W. Hoagland, a member of the Society since August 12, 1909, and whose death has just been reported to our office, died May 7, 1942 at Palm Springs. He was born May 14, 1876, in Newark, N. J., and was the son of Peter W. and J. Lilian Nicholas Hoagland. He is survived by a son, Anthony D. Hoagland of Pasadena, California.

## RICHARD AUSTIN SPRINGS

Richard Austin Springs, a member of the Holland Society of New York since October, 1934, died at the Harkness Pavilion in New York June 29, 1944, in his 89th year. He was born at Springfield Plantation, York County, South Carolina, June 10, 1856. He was the son of Andrew Baxter Springs and Julia Blandina Springs. He was educated in the county schools and at Bingham School, Mebaneville, North Carolina. He graduated from Princeton in the class of 1877, and studied law at Columbia University. He was admitted to the bar in 1879.

## MORTIMER BERTRAND HOPPER

Mortimer Bertrand Hopper, a member of the Holland Society of New York since December, 1927, died at his home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, July 3, 1944, in his forty-ninth year. He was born at Ridgewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, February 27, 1896. He was a veteran of the first World War. He was associated with his father in the stationery business, serving as a director and general manager of the Kalamazoo Stationery Company. He was an ardent philatelist and had built up an enviable collection. He is survived by a son, Mortimer B. Hopper, Jr., and his wife, Hazel W. Hopper.

## FREDERICK PROBASCO AUTEN

Frederick Probasco Auten, a member of the Holland Society of New York since November, 1901, died at his home in Trenton, New Jersey, July 25, 1944, after a long illness. He was born in Trenton and was in his 79th year. He was the son of Frederick Augustus and Emily Fish Auten. On his paternal side he was a direct descendant of Adrian Hendrickse Auten who came to New Amsterdam in 1651.

## LAIRD SUMNER VAN DYCK

Laird Sumner Van Dyck, a member of the Holland Society of New York since October, 1927, died at the New York Post Graduate Hospital August 9, 1944. He was born at Buffalo, New York, the son of the Reverend Louis Bevier and Isabel Sumner Van Dyck. He was in his fifty-second year. He was educated at Columbia College, Rutgers University and the University of Chicago, where he received his degree in medicine in 1924.

## WYNANT DAVIS VANDERPOOL

Wynant Davis Vanderpool, a member of the Holland Society of New York since March, 1907, died at York Harbour, Maine, August 19, 1944. He was born at Newark, New Jersey, the son of Wynant T. and Alice Davis Vanderpool, and he was in his seventieth year. He graduated from Princeton University in 1898 and from the Harvard

University Law School in 1901. He was a captain of a motor transport unit in the first World War. He was a member of the American Institute of Banking, the New Jersey Historical Society, The Pilgrims, and the Newcomen Society of England.

## WILLIAM MOOREHEAD VERMILYE

William Moorhead Vermilye, a member of the Holland Society of New York since December, 1920, died August 29, 1944, from a heart attack at the Hotel Hershey, at Hershey, Pennsylvania. He was born on April 6, 1880, at Orange, New Jersey, and was in his sixty-fifth year. He was the son of Daniel Babbitt and Mary C. Holmes Vermilye and attended Staten Island Academy and studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was also a member of the Saint Nicholas Society, The Huguenot Society, the Society of Colonial Wars, The Sons of the American Revolution and the Order of Founders and Patriots. He is survived by his son, William Howard Vermilye, a member of our Society; his widow, three daughters and three grandchildren.

## PETER G. TEN EYCK

Peter Gansevoort Ten Eyck, a member of the Holland Society of New York since October, 1911, died at his summer home at Altamont, New York, September 2, 1944, in his seventy-first year. He was born on a farm at Bethlehem, near Albany, N. Y. He was a commercial orchardist and breeder of select Guernsey cattle. He was active in New York State political matters. He served the Holland Society as Vice President for Albany County, 1920-1922. He served in the U. S. House of Representatives in 1912 and in 1920. He was Chairman of the Albany Port District Commission. He leaves a widow, Bertha F. Dederick Ten Eyck; a son, Peter G. D. Ten Eyck, a member of our Society, and a sister, Mrs. John G. Gebhard. He was a member of Masters Lodge, F. & A. M. and the First Dutch Reformed Church of Albany.

## CHARLES LYMAN VREELAND

Charles Lyman Vreeland, a member of the Holland Society of New York since March, 1932, died September 17, 1944. He served our Society as Vice President for Hudson County, N. J., in 1933-1934. He was the son of William Pennington and Elizabeth A. Crawford Vreeland. During his membership, Mr. Vreeland was an interested and active member of the Society. He is survived by one son and his widow.

## ALBERT VEDDER

Albert Vedder, member of the Society since March 14, 1940, died in Saint Barnabas Hospital, Newark, N. J., September 29, 1944. He was born at Niskayuna, N. Y., June 3, 1868, and was in his seventy-seventh year. He was an electrical engineer with the General Electrical Company for forty-three years. For the past three years he had been a resident of Short Hills, N. J. He was a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. S. Vedder Bradt; a brother, Mr. William J. Vedder; a son, Kenneth T. Vedder, and a daughter, Mrs. Ralph G. Morrison. Burial took place in the Vale Cemetery at Schenectady.

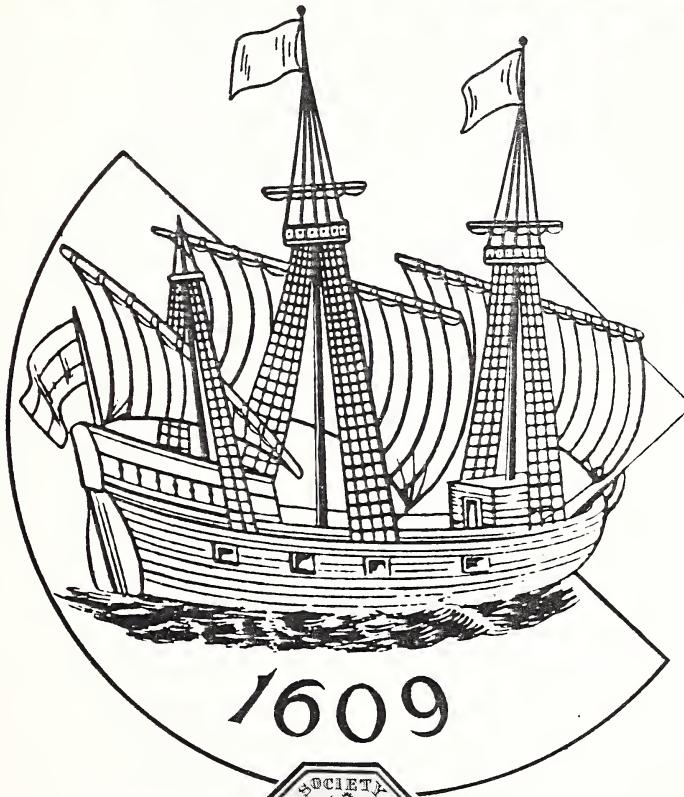
---

Organized in 1885 "to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse"; composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

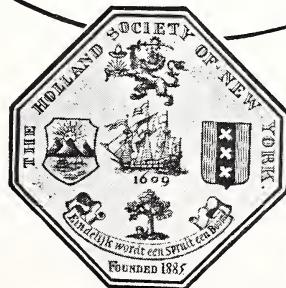
---



de  
**Halve Maen**



The  
**HOLLAND SOCIETY**  
VOL. XX • No. 1



*of* NEW YORK  
JANUARY, 1945



# The Holland Society of New York

90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

*President:*  
Ottmar H. Van Norden

## *Vice-Presidents:*

<i>New York County</i>	<i>Frank H. Vedder</i>
<i>Kings County</i>	<i>A. Lloyd Lott</i>
<i>Queens County</i>	<i>Howard D. Springsteen</i>
<i>Suffolk County</i>	<i>Ferdinand L. Wyckoff</i>
<i>Nassau County</i>	<i>George D. Van Houten</i>
<i>Westchester County</i>	<i>Irving B. Lydecker</i>
<i>Dutchess County</i>	<i>John H. Dingman, M.D.</i>
<i>Ulster County</i>	<i>J. E. Hasbrouck, Jr.</i>
<i>Albany County</i>	<i>C. Reeve Vanneman</i>
<i>Schenectady County</i>	<i>William V. B. Van Dyck</i>
<i>Bergen County, N. J.</i>	<i>Theodore Van Winkle</i>
<i>Essex County, N. J.</i>	<i>Frederick A. Lydecker</i>
<i>Passaic County, N. J.</i>	<i>Dr. Robert J. De Groat</i>
<i>Union County, N. J.</i>	<i>Frederick C. Hyer</i>
<i>Middlesex County, N. J.</i>	<i>Richard K. Hoogland</i>
<i>Monmouth County, N. J.</i>	<i>Harold V. B. Voorhis</i>
<i>Mercer County, N. J.</i>	<i>Raymond B. Voorhees</i>
<i>New England</i>	<i>Dr. George S. Van Riper</i>
<i>The South</i>	<i>Kingsland Van Winkle</i>
<i>Pacific Coast</i>	<i>Ozé Van Wyck</i>
<i>United States Army</i>	<i>Col. Arthur Poillon</i>
<i>United States Navy</i>	<i>Capt. J. E. Ostrander, Jr.</i>

*Treasurer:*  
Harold O. Voorris

*Secretary:*  
Harold E. Dittmars

*Domine:*  
Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen

## *Trustees:*

Hon. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. (1947)	Rufus Cole Van Aken (1947)
Frederick I. Bergen (1946)	William T. Van Atten (1948)
Seth Toby Cole (1948)	Ed. M. Van Buren, Jr. (1945)
Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr. (1946)	John de C. Van Elten (1945)
Franklyn Hoogeboom (1947)	Walter H. Van Hoesen (1946)
Col. Leigh K. Lydecker (1945)	Ottmar H. Van Norden (1945)
Walter M. Meseroie (1947)	Hon. Geo. S. Van Schaick (1948)
Franklyn J. Poucher (1948)	Charles A. Van Winkle (1945)
Henry R. Sutphen (1948)	William Van Wyck (1947)
Wilfred B. Talman (1946)	Frank H. Vedder (1946)

*Editor:*  
Walter H. Van Hoesen

## *Editorial Committee:*

Max L. Van Norden, Vice-Chairman	Howard Osterhout
Richard H. Amerman	Franklyn J. Poucher
Hevlyn Dirck Benson	Wilfred B. Talman
John A. Bogart	Thomas E. Van Winkle
H. Gail Davis	Stryker Williamson
Albert E. Oliver	





NEW YORK CITY

JANUARY 1945

## CONFICTING LAND TITLES IN NEW JERSEY

By Thomas E. Van Winkle

Early in 1664 King Charles II of England gave the territory between the Connecticut River and Delaware Bay to his brother James, Duke of York, who dispatched a fleet under Colonel Richard Nicolls to take the control from the Dutch and assume the governorship, with authority to make grants of land.

The expedition was successful and in September of the same year a group from Long Island applied to Nicolls for permission to purchase from the Indians, certain lands and to settle in what is now New Jersey. This was granted and a deed was obtained by purchase from the Sagamore Indians,—by and for "Bailey, Denton and Watson, their Associates, their Heirs and Executors." The indenture involved probably between 400,000 and 500,000 acres and might be described, using modern names, as lying between the Raritan River, Arthur Kill, Newark Bay and Passaic River and extending westward twice as far as it is broad from north to south.

The purchase was confirmed by a patent from Governor Nicolls, with the provision that the grantees should pay certain yearly rent to the Duke of York or his assignees. It was called the Elizabeth town purchase and included the sites of Elizabeth, Newark, Woodbridge and Piscataway, but before this grant was made and while Colonel Nicolls was still at sea, the Duke of York granted, in June, 1664, the land now known as New Jersey to Berkeley and Carteret. In addition to any grants made by the Dutch, this created under the English two conflicting claims to the same territory, the first from Nicolls to Bailey and associates and the second from the Duke of York to Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret, lord proprietors.

Philip Carteret, a relative of Sir George Carteret, was commissioned governor by the proprietors and, on his arrival, proceeded to make grants of land. The "concessions and agreements" provided that lands were to be taken up only on warrant from the Governor (Philip Carteret) and were to be patented by him. Quit rents were required after March 25, 1670, to be paid annually at the

rate of "a half penny of lawful money of England for every one of the said acres." The majority of the inhabitants agreed to the claims of the lord proprietors, Newark, Piscataway and Woodbridge having been settled under their concessions. Subsequently the proprietors offered to confirm the grants made under the Indian purchase and the Nicolls patent, on agreement to pay the yearly rent.

During part of 1673 and 1674, however, the territory was again under Dutch control, it having been retaken by military action, and most of the inhabitants, English as well as Dutch, became Dutch citizens.

After the reestablishment of English authority by treaty at the end of 1674, the King, by letter, reconfirmed the grant to the Duke of York, who reconveyed East Jersey to Sir George Carteret. In the meantime Berkeley had sold his share in New Jersey. This was formally agreed to by Carteret in 1676 on the basis of the division between East and West Jersey. According to English law the new grants annulled all previous grants. Although objections were raised, nearly all the Elizabethtown Associates obtained warrants for surveys under Sir George Carteret. This procedure was quite generally followed in Newark and Piscataway.

On the death of Sir George Carteret in 1680 he specified by will that his rights in East Jersey should be sold to pay his debts. Two years later East Jersey was sold to "Twelve Proprietors" each of whom sold one-half of his share to another person, making "Twenty-four Proprietors." Although for several years following, the people complained of the arrangements and particularly the payment of rents, the proprietors were in full control and most of the people submitted to their requirements. It appears, however, that the royal governor represented the governmental powers of the proprietors.

In 1693, in the case of Jones vs. Fullerton, the court at Perth Amboy decided in favor of Fullerton, a land holder under proprietary title. By an ap-

(Continued on Page 8)



## A New Trustee

The resignation of Richard F. Schermerhorn, Jr., as a member of the Trustees of the Society was accepted with regret at the meeting of December 14 at the Metropolitan Club, this city and Charles A. Van Winkle was elected in his place for the unexpired term.

In a letter to the Board Mr. Schermerhorn stated that the pressure of business dictated his action and that he would continue to be actively interested as a member. His valuable contributions to The Society as chairman of the membership committee and on genealogical research were warmly praised by Francklyn Hogeboom and other trustees. Mr. Van Winkle, a banker in his home town of Rutherford, New Jersey, has been a member of The Society since 1905 and active in his support of its aims.

A favorable report by Trustee Hogeboom on seven applications for membership was approved and the further addition of three reinstates accounted for a roster total of 880. No deaths of members were reported to have occurred since the October meeting. President Ottomar H. Van Norden noted that 146 are in the country's military service.

It was decided to forego this year the annual smoker meeting usually held in early February. The annual meeting of The Society will be held on April 6 and the following were voted as a committee to prepare a slate of nominees for office to be voted on at that time: Trustees Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., William Van Wyck and Rufus C. Van Aken, Eugene W. Denton and R. Bernard Crispell.

The report of Treasurer Harold O. Voorhis showed the fiscal affairs of The Society to be in excellent shape notwithstanding the loss of revenue from dues remitted for those in military service. A vote of thanks was extended to Trustee Leigh K. Lydecker and his banquet committee for the success in arranging the sixtieth annual event in November.

Following the business meeting the sixteen officers and trustees present sat down to dinner during which there was a general discussion of current topics. It was decided that meetings of the Club should be continued at the Metropolitan Club and that the practice should be dropped of having the president entertain as host once each year.

## New Members

The Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership December 14, 1944 by the Trustees:

FREDERICK PROBASCO AUTEN, JR. Lancaster, Pa.  
WALTER CALVIN CONOVER Little Silver, N. J.  
WILLIAM HOORNBECK DEVO Anniston, Alabama  
BAIN HAMILTON KITTLE Salt Lake City, Utah  
JOHN STILES VAN NESS, 2nd Caldwell, N. J.  
LLOYD MERVIN VAN NESS Caldwell, N. J.  
WILLIAM DE WITT VAN PELT Bronxville, N. Y.

## Banquet Success

A large attendance of members and guests at the sixtieth annual banquet of The Holland Society of New York held at the Plaza, this city, on Thursday evening, November 16, heard an inspiring address by Dr. Alexander Loudon, Ambassador from The Netherlands to the United States, which he told of his countrymen's struggles, work and hope for the future while undergoing the dark hours of ruthless enemy occupation.

Dr. Loudon referred to the ties between the country and his homeland by reason of the part Holland played in colonizing and developing here. He reminded that his hearers are descended from the sturdy Dutch and it should not be difficult for them to appreciate the burning desire in The Netherlands for freedom. The burdens which will be added to those already all too heavy, in the event of threatened devastation as the invaders are driven out, were dramatically pictured by Dr. Loudon.

Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, D.D., minister of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, spoke on the necessity for adhering to our course as a country of freedom lovers and Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly U.S.N., Commandant of the Third Naval District, described his experiences as naval attaché at The Hague during the first days of the German invasion.

A cocktail hour preceded the dinner. President Ottomar H. Van Norden, the other officers and trustees escorted guests representing other societies into the banquet hall. The Burgher Guard added to the color of the occasion by its parading of the colors and flags and the beaver, symbol of The Society, under charge of Captain Rufus Cole Van Aken.

## Patriotic Service

The annual service for the patriotic societies of New York was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Sunday afternoon, November 26. Forty-five societies and organizations participated with their flags and banners. It was a colorful sight as the long procession marched slowly up the aisle and gathered before the altar. Our Society was represented by President Ottomar H. Van Norden and Trustee Rufus Cole Van Aken.

## Attends Dinners

President Van Norden represented The Society as a guest of honor at the 188 anniversary banquet of the St. Andrews Society at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on the night of November 30 and attended the 110 anniversary dinner of the St. Nicholas Society of the City of New York at the Plaza Hotel on the night of December 6.



# REFORMED CHURCHES OF RARITAN VALLEY

By Rev. Dr. H. W. S. Demarest

President Emeritus Rutgers Theological Seminary

Dutch Reformed churches in the Raritan area of great influence in the early religious life of New Jersey. People of Netherlands descent came to this fertile land of promise and made it a "garden spot" of the Dutch in colony. They came in the quarter of the seven century from early settlements on Long Island and along the Hudson River. They brought Reformed faith and salvation with them. Without organization or house of worship or pastor, the first-comers had only occasional services by visiting ministers in family

The first church was that in Raritan, now the First Church of Somerville, organized in 1699 by the Rev. Guilliam Bertholf of Beddensack, who for years

devoted himself largely to the establishing of churches in north New Jersey and adjacent area. Its first house of worship was on the Raritan River about opposite the present town of Manville. It was burned in 1779 by the British during Col. Simcoe's one-day raid up and down the river when the flat boats of General Washington moored nearby and the county court house at Hillsborough (now Millstone) also were destroyed. The site is marked by a few gravestones and by the Dirck Van Vechten house still standing quite near. A new church was soon built in what is now Somerville, and there the congregation still worships.

The second church was in the New Brunswick area, probably organized in 1703. Its building was on the Great Road, now the Lincoln Highway, at Three-Mile-Run, at the brook distant three miles from the Raritan River at New Brunswick, then known as Inian's Ferry. The location was midway between more growing centers and did not serve long to best advantage. The part of the congregation living westward on the Great Road departed and formed a new church, 1706-10, at Six-Mile-Run now Franklin Park. The congregation remaining at the old site found that the convenience of the greater number was at Inian's Ferry and they established a place of worship there while still maintaining services at the old site also, calling themselves thereafter the church of the River and Lawrence Brook (Three-Mile-Run). Worship soon came to be at the River alone and the 1703 church still continues there, the oldest church in New Brunswick. The original location, three miles away, is marked only by a little graveyard.

The Six-Mile-Run Church was the third in order of founding. It has remained through the years at Franklin Park as community church of all that area.

The fourth church was at North Branch, located near where the north branch and the south branch

of the Raritan unite to make the larger stream which runs down to Raritan Bay and the harbor of New York. Its date is 1719. Its first building was used less than twenty years. In 1738 the congregation built a new house of worship where they still remain, the church of Readington. The early North Branch building was used for a time in the Revolutionary War by Queen's College when it was driven from New Brunswick by the British occupation.

These four churches were without a settled pastor until, in response to a call in which all united, the Rev. Theodorus Jacobus Frelinghuysen came from Holland and the beginning of his ministry, 1719-20, was an event of far-reaching import for the spiritual and social life of

the valley, the state and the nation. He was of great evangelical fervor, a leader, with Gilbert Tennent and George Whitefield, of the Great Awakening in the Middle Colonies toward the middle of the century. His ardent, widespread work ended with his death in 1748. He had five sons, all becoming ordained ministers and all dying in early manhood. Only one of them, John, who followed his father in the Raritan Church, left descendants. His wife was the quite remarkable Dinah Van Bergh; they had a son, Frederick, whose descendants came to distinction by giving four Senators of the United States, a Secretary of State, a candidate for Vice President, a president of New York University and of Rutgers College.

The fifth church was at old Millstone now Harington, organized in 1727. It was associated with the others and the five together received a single royal charter, given by George II through Governor Jonathan Belcher, June 7, 1753.

In the ministry of the Raritan Church, after the Frelinghuysens, came the Rev. Jacob Rutgers Hardenbergh of the Great Patent family of New York State. Later he was pastor of the church of New Brunswick. Largely through the zeal of these ministers it came about that the Dutch laymen in America, with others, founded Queen's College, now Rutgers University, with royal charters from George III through Governor William Franklin, November 10, 1766 and March 20, 1770, and located it in the Raritan Valley of New Brunswick. They founded Rutgers Theological Seminary, the oldest in the country, in 1784 and moved it in 1810 to New Brunswick.

Other churches in the Raritan Valley founded during the same century are Neshanic 1752, Bedminster 1758, Hillsborough (now Millstone) 1759, Lebanon (Lutheran until 1813) 1740. From time

(Continued on Page 8)



# THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN NEW NETHERLAND

**October 1644.** The Assembly of the XIX of the West India Company has reported to the States General that the ruin of the province of New Netherland has resulted from the foolish waging of an unnecessary war without its knowledge or authority. Between 1626 and 1644 this colony has cost the West India Company more than half a million guilders (\$220,000.00). It recommends that a new Director be sent out who will maintain a good understanding with the English and more particularly with the Indians.

**November 1644.** During the past year the village of Beverswyck (Albany) has prospered in peace, although elsewhere throughout our Colony war, accompanied by fire and murder, has prevailed. The Mohawks are our friends and have brought in great quantities of furs for which we have traded duffle, firearms and other merchandise. Our trade with Montreal through the Lake of the Iroquois (Champlain) has grown to large proportions, they taking our merchandise and paying us with furs of fine quality.

**November 1644.** In order to remedy the lamentable affairs of the West India Company the Amsterdam Chamber, with the other departments, has established a bureau of six accountants who will form a general book exhibiting, at all times, the condition of the Company as to expenditures and income and who will cause the Resolutions of the Assembly of XIX to be immediately and diligently executed.

**November 1644.** It has been reported to us from Boston that there are now about 15,000 people in the Colony of Massachusetts, and 3,000 in Plymouth Colony. The Colony of Connecticut, including Saybrook and Southampton on Long Island, claims 3,000 more and the Colony of New Haven has 2,000. All of these people are English and although of different colonies, in foreign affairs they act as a unit. All together they number 23,000 souls while in all New Netherland we have not to exceed 2000 Dutchmen. These English are becoming very ag-

gressive and are occupying our lands, especially between Stamford and Manhattan and on Long Island, without so much as asking our permission and are already demanding the right to govern themselves according to their own laws and customs. These foreigners pay no attention to our protests and we have not the means to repel them or to make them respect our territory.

**November 1644.** A Report of the Assembly of XIX states that the destruction of the Indians in our province is impossible due to their numbers and great distribution and recommends a general peace with them. It further recommends that the colonists settle in villages for mutual protection and that Fort Amsterdam be rebuilt of stone. The cost of this work is estimated at 25,000 guilders (\$10,000).

**December 1644.** The Assembly of the XIX, acting under instructions of the States General, having fully investigated our war with the Indians, its origin, progress and unfortunate consequences, and the charges of the Eight Men and the complaints of the Colonists, have recommended that Director Kieft be recalled to Holland and ordered to justify the acts of his administration and that Lubbertus van Dingelde, who is Schout-Fiscaal and "well liked by the Indians," be appointed Provisional Director in his place.

**December 1644.** The Indian tribe known as the Wappingers, who live along the east side of the Hudson river opposite Rondout and at the half-way resting place on the path to Fort Orange, which is called Poughkeepsie, have urged the Esopus Indians to cease their war on us. This Wappinger tribe is of the Delaware Nation. Their symbol is the Opossum which they paint on their persons. Their prevailing clan is the Wolf. They have taken no part in the recent war against us, but have acted as mediators and have secured the release of many of our people from captivity among the Esopus savages.

## ADRIAEN BLOCK'S SHIP THE TIGER

By John A. Bogart

In 1610 a few merchants of Amsterdam fitted out a small ship and dispatched her under the command of the former mate of the Half Moon to trade in furs with the Indians of the New World.

The speculation proved quite successful. Encouraged by the results, other prosperous and influential merchants joined in the enterprise and in 1612 dispatched the FORTUNE and the TIGER under the command of Hendrick Christiaensen and Adriaen Block on a similar expedition. The following year three more vessels were put into service between New Netherland and Amsterdam and the fur traffic, a new mine of wealth, was expanded.

Coincidentally, at this time the first navy had its start when the TIGER was put into service as a coastal ship, under the command of Adriaen Block. Later it was anchored in the Hudson River pre-

paring to return to Holland when a fire broke out in the small ship of scarcely six tons, sturdily built of oak and fitted out in Rotterdam. Desperate attempts were made to extinguish the flames without success, whereupon the craft was beached at what is now the foot of Dey Street.

The person who stands at the corner of Dey and Greenwich streets today may not realize that the TIGER still lies buried in the sand at that point, some thirty feet below the surface where it was beached.

Back in 1916 during the excavation operations for the subway under Greenwich Street, the bow stem and several ribs of the TIGER were uncovered and were brought to the surface. In recounting the event recently, James Kelly, deputy clerk of Kings County, who was in charge of the work

(Continued on Page 8)



# OLD DUTCH FAMILIES

By Richard Schermerhorn, Jr.

Fondas were important in up-state New York during the Colonial period and in the early development of the State. Presumably the family was of European origin and one genealogist has outlined a European background for the Fondas giving them a really illustrious descent. However, stories apparently come from tradition rather than substance.

The emigrant ancestor of this family was Jillis (Gillis) Douwes Fonda whose name first appears in Albany records in 1651 and last in 1654. His only son, Douw Jellise, became the ancestor of all Fondas in this country.

Douw Jillesz Fonda was born about 1643 and died in 1700. His father apparently died when Douw was a boy and a record shows that Douw was dwelling with Jan Tyse (Jan Tyse Goes of Kinderhook) in the Colony of Rensselaerwyck in 1665 and that his step-father, Barent Gerritse, owed him 33 beavers. Barent Gerritse married Hester Fonda, widow of Jillis, sometime between 1656 and 1665, and was killed in the second Esopus War in 1665 and Hester Fonda, his wife, was taken prisoner by the Indians. The widow eventually returned to Albany, her name appearing in occasional Albany records, as late as 1681. She had apparently made a third marriage to Theunis Dircksz Van Vechten, sometime before 1672. There are few records to illustrate the activities of Douw Fonda, but in 1676 his land at "Lubberden Landt" (within the area of the present city of Troy) is mentioned and in 1684 he was nominated for magistrate of Albany.

The Fonda family was one of decided influence in the upper Hudson River districts and the Mohawk Valley. Fondas occupied important positions in the governmental affairs of the up-State settlements in Albany, Schenectady, and the Mohawk Valley. They were early settlers in what is now the Troy district, as well as Hoosic, Albany and Schenectady. One branch of the family maintained a substantial shipping business between Columbia County and New York. In Dutchess County there were persons of importance from this branch of the family.

Douw Fonda (1643) had four sons leaving male progeny, Jan, Jillis, Isaac and Nicholas, but the male line in Nicholas' family died out early so the descendants of Jillis and Isaac are those who carried the name down to late generations.

Major Jellis Fonda (1727-91) was the most prominent of the early Fondas. He was the first Mohawk Valley merchant west of Schenectady and in the period immediately previous to the Revolution was one of the outstanding figures in that section. He was a close friend and associate of Sir William Johnson and accompanied him on his military expeditions as commissary. He served in the French and Indian War under Sir William Johnson in command of Scouts (lieutenant in 1755 and captain in 1756) and was commissioned Major in 1758, spending much of his time during this period in the Indian country.

The Van Hornes inherited a substantial amount of his estate (a granddaughter of Jellis married Abraham Van Horne). Jellis was one of the four assistant judges of Tryon Court, elected 1773; State Senator, Western District, 1777-81 and 1788-91; County Judge 1784 and Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He was one of the executors of the will of Sir William Johnson and designated as guardian of the latter's children. Jellis Fonda is frequently referred to in the well known novel "In the Valley" by Harold Frederic and also in the novels by Robert W. Chambers dealing with Mohawk Valley and Tryon County history.

Descendants of Jellis Fonda (c 1670) and Rachel Winne settled in Schenectady and Caughnawaga (now Town of Fonda). Jellis had three sons leaving male issue: Douw (1701) Abraham (1715) and Jacob (1722). Douw settled in Caughnawaga in 1751 and was a close friend of Sir William Johnson (see account of his son Major Jellis). He was killed by the Indians in 1780. Abraham and Jacob settled in Schenectady.

Following are the prominent members of this branch.

**Major Jellis Fonda** (1727)—(See foregoing account.)

**Adam Fonda** (1736)—Officer in Tryon County Militia, served under General Herkimer in Battle of Oriskany; he and his brother John were taken prisoners by the Indians in 1780, taken to Canada and held there two years.

**Henry A. Fonda** (1766)—Captain in the War of 1812, later Brigadier General; Assemblyman, Montgomery Co.

**Douw A. Fonda** (1774)—Assemblyman, Montgomery Co.

**Peter H. Fonda** (1802)—Assemblyman, Montgomery Co.

**John Giles Fonda** (1822)—Colonel in Civil War, Brevet Major General.

**Henry A. Fonda** (c. 1825)—Bank President, Pennsylvania, Colonel on Governor's Staff.

**Douw A. Fonda** (1824)—Montgomery County Treasurer, Supervisor Village of Fonda.

**Garret T. B. Fonda** (1808)—Passenger Agent, Schenectady and Utica R.R. (N. Y. Central) for many years.

**Jellis A. Fonda** (1759)—Captain in Revolution; Assemblyman, Schenectady Co.; Canal Commissioner; Supervisor Schenectady; County Clerk.

**Alexander G. Fonda** (1785)—Union College, 1803; Schenectady physician.

**Jellis J. Fonda** (1751)—Captain in Revolution; "served with particular distinction in campaign against Burgoyne" and "highly distinguished himself in battle of Johnstown (1781)"; a noted officer of the Revolution. Res. Schenectady.

**Henry V. Fonda** (1788)—Schenectady lawyer.

**Christopher Fonda** (1795)—Schenectady lawyer.



# MANHATTAN ISLAND THREE CENTURIES AGO

By Ottmar H. Van Norden

On a May day 318 years ago Peter Minuit bought Manhattan Island. What would we not give if we only could drop in on that scene and see what our forefathers saw, on that historic occasion.

In fancy we can go back to the year 1626 and stand on the edge of a steep rock embankment at what is now the corner of Rector Street and Trinity Place. Below us is the boulder strewn strand of the Hudson River and through the hemlocks and cedars that line the water's edge we can see across the broad Hudson to the tree-crowned Palisades on its western shore. Overhead stretch the long limbs of an enormous oak, with the new foliage of Spring, and back of us (Trinity churchyard) there is dense forest.

We decide to walk down along the water. Nowadays we would be going down Trinity Place to Greenwich to State Street. But this is more than 300 years before 1944 and there are no buildings or streets or people.

It is rocky and hilly. The name Manhattan, in the Algonquin Indian language means "The Island of the Hills." There are oaks and maples and lofty pines. Grape vines of tremendous size climb high up on the trunks and branches of the trees. Here and there are plum and cherry and apple trees. The vegetation is dense and we scramble along.

On the smooth surface of the river are great rafts of brant and ducks, that open slowly before several dug-out canoes, that are coming to land and are crowded with Indians and their belongings. They disembark and climb over the oyster barrier shelter-skeleter, with constant chattering. The two warriors go on ahead. Both have short aprons and moccasins and one wears a panther skin over his shoulders and a white man's hat. Each carries a hatchet in his belt and bow and arrows, and nothing else.

The women wear skirts. The children are naked. They unload baskets of Indian corn and a bundle of furs. This is their day of trading and they hurry to the trading place, the Marketveldt (Bowling Green) just before the entrance of the fort. It is just a four-sided palisade of red cedar posts, set on end deep in the ground and about a block square. Along the sides are loop holes. Within are store houses and living quarters for the traders. All are log cabins roofed with bark.

Before the fort is the Marketveldt and beyond that is the Plaine, De Breede Weg (now Broadway), a wide open space that extends right up to where the City Hall will stand in years to come.

But we can't stop here now. We go down the westerly and then across the southerly side of the fort (Pearl Street) until we come to the Heeren Gracht (Broad Street). This is an open inlet that runs back some distance (Exchange Place). It makes a good anchorage for small boats. But it is steep and so we borrow a canoe and cross it and continue down along the shore scrambling over the piles of oyster shells. This part of our path will later become Pearl Street and get its name because it will be built on the oyster shells.

Extending all the way from the fort, along the shore, is a scattered line of log cabins. We see women at two of the doorways. They came here years ago with Captain May, evidence of the first attempt at colonization. But white women are the exception. The interest of the settlement, as yet, is in furs, and not in homes and agriculture.

These Dutch people always build their homes near water. That reminds them of their beloved canals in Holland. Many sloughs indent the eastern shore of Manhattan Island and every one has settlements or Bouweries. Broad Street will be the center of New Amsterdam. Stuyvesant in a few years will establish his Bouwerie on the inlet at 18th Street. Harlem will be established on the shores of Montagnes Creek that came in at 125th Street. The Central Park lakes (at 59th, 73rd and 110th Streets) headed up broad sloughs that extended to the East River, and each had busy settlements, first Indian and later Dutch.

So far, in our walk we have seen many more Indians than white people, for Manhattan Island and the surrounding shores are an Indian paradise and many thousands of them inhabit what will in years be called the Metropolitan area.

There are a dozen Indian villages on Manhattan Island alone, all Algonquins, of the Lenape or Delaware nation. The Canaries, a local tribe, have their village (Broadway and Franklin Streets) on the shores of the Collect pond. Their territory takes in all of Manhattan south of that point. Just south of their village they have large open fields (City Hall Park) where they raise corn, beans, squash and pumpkins as well as melons. They also have plums, apples, cherries and grapes as well as berries of all kinds, in season, and much of this, including large supplies of corn, they dry and store in pits for the winter.

Woe to the Algonquin village that displeases the Mohawk tyrant or fails to pay tribute. That village and all the people in it will soon be destroyed. We are back at the end of the straggling line of cabins along the shore (Wall Street and Pearl) and we must go back to the fort. We can't go directly to the west because there is a swamp (between Broad Street and William Street). So we bear to the north and finally come out in the Plaine (Broadway).

New Amsterdam only exists because of the fur trade. Here, to the stockade comes all the vast wealth of peltries from the Connecticut, the Delaware, the Hudson and all the wilderness between. At Manhattan all these furs are classified and shipped to Amsterdam. And of all the furs the beaver is prize. One shipment made from the Palisade fort this year (1626) contained 7246 beaver skins, worth 140,000 guilders. If it were not for the beaver there probably would be no New Amsterdam.

The day is drawing to its end and the Indians stream back home along the trails. The long wooden dug-outs, with their dusky passengers, are headed across the Hudson and the East River, back to their villages.



# HERE AND THERE

Since the November issue of *De Halve Maen* following members of the Society have joined the armed forces: Robert M. Pruyn, M.D., George Vanderpoel, A. G. Van Schaick, Walter C. Con- Bain Hamilton Kittle and John S. Van Ness,

**Captain Frank P. Stryker** has been awarded the bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in combat in France with an armored infantry regiment. Father, J. B. B. Stryker, reports a second son, B. B., Jr., is an ensign in the Navy.

**Walter Mesarole**, past president and secretary of the Society, celebrated on December 12 with his wife, Mesarole their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mesarole will mark his fifty-fifth year as a member on March 27.

**Captain Arthur Brown Van Buskirk**, of Keyport, N.J., has become engaged to Miss Edith Frances Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Smith, of Ridgewood and New York.

**R. D. De Kay, Jr.** reports from somewhere in New Guinea.

**Cecil B. De Mille** has a son, Richard, in the Air Corps.

**Captain John V. Denise** has been awarded the bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement somewhere in France.

**Garett Frederic Hoagland** announces the marriage of his daughter, Barbara Louise, to Flight Pioneer Ellsworth Darling Sherman, Air Transport Command.

**Henry Schenck** spent the summer with his family Longboat Key, Florida.

**A. A. Schoonmaker, II** and Mrs. Schoonmaker are parents of a son, A. A. Schoonmaker, III. Congratulations.

**Herbert S. Schoonmaker** is working for the Navy department at the Diesel plant of the American Locomotive Company at Auburn.

**Captain Steadman Teller, U.S.N.** is with the fleet in the South Pacific.

**Captain Edgar J. Van Bergen** is with the 840 Engineers somewhere in France.

**William M. Van Buren** reports his son, Lt. M. E. Van Buren, is now in the South Pacific with Field Artillery Battalion.

**Eugene I. Van Antwerp** has two sons in service,

# WITH MEMBERS

Lt. Francis J., U.S.N.R., and Captain Anthony Gore, U.S.A.F., both overseas.

**Milton Lee Van Duzor** is with the Army on the Western Front. His younger brother, Willard K., a Marine, was wounded in the Guam invasion.

**Charles R. Van Etten** writes that his grandson is with a South Pacific bombing command.

**Walter H. Van Hoesen, Jr.**, son of trustee and Mrs. Van Hoesen, is now recovering from serious wounds recently received while fighting in Germany. **Stephen F. Van Hoesen**, his brother, is with the U. S. Navy on active duty.

**Captain Robert C. Van Ness** of the Army J. A. G. has been in India for the past year.

**Lieutenant Nicholas V. Van Ness** is a bombardier on a B-29 bomber, now at Clovis, New Mexico.

**Captain Langdon Van Norden** is with the 3rd Army somewhere in Belgium.

**W. H. Van Vliet** reports his son, Staff Sergeant Clinton Van Vliet, is with a fighter squadron in California.

**Horace S. Van Voast, Jr.**, after three years and eight months in service, is back in civil life with an honorable discharge.

**Sergeant John K. Van Vranken, Jr.**, has been in New Guinea about a year.

**Donald K. Vanneman** informs us that his son, Donald, Jr., is in the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

**A. Willard Voorhees** is serving as Chairman of both the Pima County Post War Planning Commission and of the Tucson (Arizona) Planning and Zoning Commission.

**J. Edgar Voorhees**' son, Corporal Anson E., who returned from Africa in 1943, is now at Camp Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

**Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees** tells us his grandson, Alan M. Voorhees, is an ensign in the Navy, somewhere in the Pacific.

**Captain Theodore D. Vreeland** was married to Lt. Marcella Greene, U.S.M.C.W.R. on November 11. The happy couple will be stationed in Washington, D. C.

**E. A. Wiltsee** reports his nephew, Captain Irving D. Wiltsee, went down with his ship the "Liscombe Bay" in the S.W. Pacific.

## Personal Mention

**John A. Bogart** took as his bride Miss Helen Irene Young at a ceremony performed at the Middle Collegiate Church, this city, by Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen, Domine of the Society, on Friday, November 26. They are at home at 240 Halstead Avenue, Harrison, N. Y.

**R. Emerson Swart**, president of Huyler's, Inc., has been elected a trustee of the American University of Washington, D. C., which is devoted principally to instruction in the fields of government and social sciences.

**Warren R. Voorhis**' wife, Edna Curlee Voorhis, died at her home in Plainfield, N. J., on December 11. She was the mother of **Harold O. Voorhis**, treasurer of The Society. She was a native of Indiana and is survived by a second son and two daughters. The condolences of the members goes to the family.

**Ernest H. Rapalje** became a grandfather on December 5 when twins were born to his daughter, Mrs. Clark B. Tower, in the Middlesex County Hospital at New Brunswick, N. J. The children will be named Christina Brewster and Margaret Rapalje.



## Reformed Churches of Raritan Valley (Continued from Page 3)

to time other churches added themselves, especially a notable group about the middle of the nineteenth century until there are now about forty congregations whose members are of Dutch descent, French Huguenot descent, and also of every racial and denominational origin.

The church buildings are not without interest. Many of them are of fine design without and within. Especially notable is the oldest of them, the stone church at Neshanic (1752), with its dignity and excellent detail, and the Old First Church of New Brunswick (1813), spacious, imposing and a noble example of the church architecture of that period. The Queen's Building (1809) on the Rutgers Campus, erected by the people of the churches is one of the best public buildings of that time in the United States and designed by John McComb, architect of the City Hall in New York.

## Adriaen Block's Ship the TIGER (Continued from Page 4)

at that time, stated that the rest of the ship is still there in the sand and is in an excellent state of preservation. He told of the difficulty experienced in extracting his find nearly thirty years ago and in bringing it to the surface. The bow-stem and several ribs were carefully assembled and placed in the Aquarium at the Battery. In 1939 when that historic building was razed the exhibit was moved to the Museum of the City of New York, where it now reposes.

Mr. Kelly stated that the several portions of the ship which were exposed during the excavation indicated that it was about 40 to 50 feet in length. At the time of the find, the head of an axe with a broad, flaring head—typical of those used by the early Dutch also was located nearby. It is quite possible that other objects of historical value may be in the wreckage.

What a fitting tribute to the memory of Adriaen Block it would be to have such a priceless historic relic as the TIGER raised and placed in a local museum!

## Conflicting Land Titles in New Jersey (Continued from Page 1)

peal to the King's Council, this decision was reversed. This was the spark that accelerated the anti-proprietary feeling among the inhabitants and resulted in active revolt against the Proprietors. The proprietary courts were disregarded, with frequent scenes of violence. As a consequence of this situation and under pressure the proprietors transferred their powers of government to the Crown, retaining unaltered their rights to the soil of the province.

In 1702 Lord Cornbury, who had become Royal Governor of New Jersey in addition to other territory, attempted to coerce the Assembly to pass a bill invalidating all claims to land based on the Nicolls grants, but without results satisfactory to the proprietors. A number of court cases were subsequently brought, petitions submitted and legislative and executive action attempted. Some cases were decided for the proprietors and some against, and other actions were dropped or not definitely

settled. It appears that not only the basis of title to land was involved in the altercations, but also a very deep resentment on the part of the inhabitants against the payment of rent, regardless of the legal aspect. Throughout this period and until the latter part of the English control, numerous riots, arrests and jail breaks occurred. To indicate the temper of the inhabitants a few illustrations are given.

On September 19, 1745, Samuel Baldwin was arrested on the instigation of the proprietors for cutting logs on the so called "Van Gesin" tract, the proprietors claiming that he violated a law enacted in 1713, which prohibited any man cutting trees on land not his legal property. He was confined in jail in Newark, but was released by a crowd of citizens who broke open the jail. Shortly afterward Robert Young, Thomas Sergeant and Nehemiah Baldwin were arrested as participants in the mob and confined in jail. Baldwin was rescued while being taken from the jail to the court and the others were released later by a group of citizens.

Many similar acts of violence occurred at Perth Amboy and other points throughout the territory, some of a more serious nature. This situation, involving riots, court cases and attempted legislative action, continued without definite settlement up to the end of the Revolution. The issue was never definitely settled by legal action so far as records reveal and the passing of time has caused it to be almost forgotten.

## Ulster County Dinner

Fifty members and guests of the Ulster County branch dined at the Governor Clinton Hotel, Kingston, Saturday night, December 9. Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr., Trustee and branch president, presided. Addresses were made by Trustees Rufus Cole Van Aken of New York, Seth Toby Cole of Albany and Franklyn J. Poucher of Poughkeepsie; also by the Vice President for Dutchess County, Dr. John H. Dingman; Dr. William J. Haggerty, President of New Paltz State Teachers College, and member C. Chester Du Mond of Ulster Park, N. Y., State Commissioner of Agriculture. Re-elected unanimously were: President Hasbrouck and Secretary-Treasurer, Jacob Elting of New Paltz.

## Burgher Guard Meets

The Williams Club of New York, 39th Street between Park and Madison Avenues, resounded with the usual gusto of the Burgher Guard at the annual dinner and business meeting held on Monday night, December 11, with the captain, Rufus Cole Van Aken, in charge. The beverages were authoritative, the dinner bountiful and the appointments of the club most pleasing. The jolly gathering was addressed by President Ottomar H. Van Norden and Secretary Harold E. Ditmars of The Society. The following elective officers were unanimously chosen: Lieuts. Richard Henry Amerman, Hugh Guille Bergen, Thomas Morris Van der Veer, Harold Russell Van Siclen; QM. Ss. Harrison Deyo, Philip Rogers Deyo, Richard Kucher Hoagland, Richard Paul Terhune; Adjt. Paul Rogers Jansen.



---

Organized in 1885 "to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse"; composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

---



de  
Halve Maen



*The*  
HOLLAND SOCIETY  
VOL. XX . . . No. 2



of NEW YORK  
APRIL, 1945

# The Holland Society of New York

90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

*President:*  
Col. Leigh K. Lydecker

*Vice-Presidents:*

New York County	Frank H. Vedder
Kings County	A. Lloyd Lott
Queens County	Howard D. Springsteen
Suffolk County	Ferdinand L. Wyckoff
Nassau County	Robert L. Bergen
Westchester County	Irving B. Lydecker
Dutchess County	John H. Dingman, M.D.
Ulster County	J. E. Hasbrouck, Jr.
Albany County	C. Reeve Varneman
Schenectady County	William V. B. Van Dyck
Bergen County, N. J.	Theodore Van Winkle
Essex County, N. J.	Frederick A. Lydecker
Passaic County, N. J.	Dr. Robert J. De Groat
Union County, N. J.	Frederick C. Hyer
Middlesex County, N. J.	Ernest H. Rapelje
Monmouth County, N. J.	Harold V. B. Voorhis
Mercer County, N. J.	Raymond B. Voorhees
New England	Dr. George S. Van Riper
The South	Kingsland Van Winkle
Pacific Coast	Ozé Van Wyck
United States Army	Col. Arthur Poillon
United States Navy	Capt. J. E. Ostrander, Jr.

*Treasurer:*  
Rugus Cole Van Aken

*Secretary:*  
Harold E. Ditmars

*Domine:*  
Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen

*Trustees:*

Hon. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. (1947)	Rufus Cole Van Aken (1947)
Frederick I. Bergen (1946)	William T. Van Atten (1948)
Seth Toby Cole (1948)	Harold O. Voorhis (1949)
Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr. (1946)	John de C. Van Etten (1948)
Franceslyn Hoogeboom (1947)	Walter H. Van Hoesen (1946)
Killien Van Rensselaer (1949)	Ottemar H. Van Norden (1949)
Walter M. Meserole (1947)	Hon. Geo. S. Van Schaick (1948)
Franklyn J. Poucher (1948)	Charles A. Van Winkle (1949)
Henry R. Sutphen (1948)	William Van Wyck (1947)
Wilfred B. Talman (1946)	Frank H. Vedder (1946)

*Editor:*  
Walter H. Van Hoesen

*Editorial Committee:*

Max L. Van Norden, Vice-Chairman	Howard Osterhout
Richard H. Amerman	Franklyn J. Poucher
Hevlyn Dirck Benson	Wilfred B. Talman
John A. Bogart	Thomas E. Van Winkle
H. Gail Davis	Stryker Williamson
Albert E. Oliver	



NEW YORK CITY

APRIL, 1945

## LEIGH K. LYDECKER NEW PRESIDENT

The sixtieth annual meeting of the Society was held on Friday evening, April 6, in the Georgian Room of the Hotel Pennsylvania, this city. It was preceded by dinner in the Keystone Room and the entire program developed into a most enjoyable affair for the large number of members present.

Col. Leigh K. Lydecker was unanimously elected president of the Society to succeed Ottomar H. Van Norden, who retired after two terms. Other nominations were approved as reported for the nominating committee by Trustee Henry L. Ackerson, Jr. They were Rufus Cole Van Aken as treasurer succeeding Harold O. Voorhis and Harold E. Ditmars as secretary. Rev. Ernest R. Palen was re-elected domine and the following as trustees to serve until 1949: John de Camp Van Etten, Ottomar H. Van Norden, Charles A. Van Winkle, Harold O. Voorhis and Killaea Van Rensselaer.

Vice-presidents of the Society from county branches were re-elected, with the exception of Robert L. Bergen to succeed George D. Van Houten for Nassau county and Ernest H. Rapalje for Richard K. Hoagland from Middlesex county. In both instances the incumbents were unable to continue in office.

In accordance with a recommendation by the Board of Trustees reported by Trustee William Van Wyck it was voted to amend the constitution of the Society by adding a paragraph to Article IV, Section 1, which in effect increases the board from twenty to twenty-four members by adding one member to each class. A second amendment changes Article VII, Section 3, to provide for a quorum of ten trustees to hold a meeting.

The purpose of the amendments is to provide additional members for work on committees which carry on the many activities of the Society, it was explained by Trustee Van Wyck.

Ottomar H. Van Norden, retiring president, pre-

sided at the business meeting. He reviewed activities during his two terms, referred to the net increase of sixty-nine members and thanked the other officers and committees for their co-operation. Secretary Harold Ditmars and Treasurer Harold O. Voorhis submitted annual reports which were accepted and placed on file.

The speaker of the evening was Robert Lincoln O'Brien, former U. S. Tariff Commission chairman, editor and earlier in his career a member of the White House secretariat. He was introduced by Rufus Cole Van Aken, chairman of the meetings committee and told many interesting anecdotes concerning figures in National life starting with President Grover Cleveland.

A series of official War Department motion pictures arranged for by Major General George L. Van Deusen, commandant of the Signal Corps and a member of the Society, were shown to conclude the program.

In a message to members prepared for De Halve Maen, President Lydecker said:

"Sixty years in the life of a society such as ours is not a long time, nevertheless, it has in that time witnessed many changes in our social order.

"Primarily a genealogical society, it has kept before its members the record of the influence of our Dutch ancestors in the growth and development of the American character and institutions.

"The war has thus far prevented those members of our Society serving in the armed forces from seeing much of Holland. With many of the historical landmarks destroyed and their records obliterated, the documents which we have preserved and cherished in our library will have a new significance and awaken a new interest in those who have taken part in that great struggle.

"In cooperating with the Wilhelmina Foundation

(Continued on page 2)

## Trustees Meeting

Following a lengthy discussion of the expanding activities of the Society it was decided at the quarterly meeting of the Trustees on March 8 to offer an amendment to the constitution at the annual meeting providing for increase of the board by four new members. The proposal was first made by President Ottmar H. Van Norden, who told of the need for added committees and aid to others.

An invitation to participate in a movement for an United Council of Patriotic Societies provoked comment during the business meeting, which was held at the Metropolitan Club, this city and later during dinner. President Van Norden was authorized to name Trustees Francklyn Hogeboom and Frank Vedder to attend the meeting when it is held in Fraunces Tavern and to report back on the proceedings without taking action.

Fifteen new members were accepted and the further increase of two re-instatements brought the membership to 888, it was reported.

The 1945 budget as approved by the finance committee under chairmanship of Trustee John deC. Van Etten and reported by Treasurer Harold O. Voorhis was accepted. It showed a surplus of \$5,311.84, assets of \$37,753.53 and funds and reserves of \$32,441.69. The excellent financial condition of the Society was the subject of favorable comment.

It was voted to make the annual award of a medal for distinguished achievement in one of the arts or sciences at the annual banquet in November and Chairman Voorhis was authorized to make plans for the selection of a candidate for the honor. It was decided to hold the annual joint meeting of vice-presidents and trustees on Thursday, May 10. A resolution proposed by Trustee Wilfred Talman to resume budget appropriations for the year book fund as soon as possible was approved.

President Van Norden took occasion to comment on the fact that his term would conclude with the annual meeting and he extended thanks to the trustees for their co-operation. Trustee Hogeboom proposed a vote of appreciation for his sincerity and hard work, which was carried unanimously by a rising vote.

## New Members

The Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership March 8, 1945 by the Trustees:

JACK ALBERT DORLAND, New York City  
THOMAS S. DOUGHTY, Ridgewood, N. J.

KENNETH EDWARD HASBROUCK, New Paltz, N. Y.  
CHARLES HERBERT ONDERDONK, Staten Island, N. Y.

ROBERT LAWRENCE SMOCK, Scarsdale, N. Y.  
PARKER HARMANUS TAULMAN, Fort Worth, Texas

MARTIN EDWARD VAN BUREN, Rutherford, N. J.  
WYNANT D. VANDERPOOL, Jr., Morristown, N. J.

ALBERT WILLIAM VAN GELDER, Saint James, N. Y.  
DONALD KERR VANNEMAN, Jr., Abingdon, Pa.

ANTHONY KING VAN Riper, Vineyard Haven, Mass.  
ALAN MANNERS VOORHEES, Highland Park, N. J.

WILLIAM LOVERIDGE VROOM, Ridgewood, N. J.  
NORMAN OSBORNE WYNKOOP, Scarsdale, N. Y.

Leigh K. Lydecker New President

(Continued from page 1)

for the collection of clothing, our Society has an opportunity to show their sympathy for the great suffering which the people of 'Little Holland' have endured and a concrete means of expressing their interest and their help. We must continue our efforts to make this as effective as possible.

"We must interest those who are eligible for membership in the Society to enroll, and thereby keep before the rising generation an interest and knowledge of the part which the names they bear have in the development of the history of our state and nation."

---

## "Firsts" on Manhattan Island

The first four houses on Manhattan Island were built by Adrian Block on the site of 39-41 Broadway.

The first lawyer on the island was Dirk Van Schelluyne in 1648.

The first wharf was constructed in 1649 at the east side of Whitehall street, between Pearl and State streets.

The first city hall was at 73 Pearl street in 1653.

The first horse mill for grinding flour was built in 1626 at 32 and 34 South William street.

The first communion in the colony was held in 1628 with Jonas Michselius officiating.

---

## Church Service

A large number of members of the Society attended morning worship at the Middle Collegiate Church, Second Avenue and Seventh Street, this city, on Sunday, March 4, when special services were held in memory of the nineteen members who had died during the year. Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen, domine of the Society, preached an inspiring sermon and there was a special musical program by the choir. The Burgher Guard led the procession and served as ushers, while President Ottmar H. Van Norden and trustees were in the attending delegation.

---

## In Armed Forces

The following additions have been made to the list of members in service since the January issue:

Edward N. Carpenter  
Jack Albert Dorland  
Kenneth Edward Hasbrouck  
James Higbie Polhemus  
Parker Harmanus Taulman  
Martin Edward Van Buren  
Wynant Davis Vanderpool, Jr.  
Donald Kerr Vanneman, Jr.  
Anthony King Van Riper  
Alan Manners Voorhees  
Anson Edgar Voorhees

# OUR CULTURAL INHERITANCE

By Thomas E. Van Winkle

The ideals, viewpoints and culture which later became the basis of the philosophy of the people of the United States of America were already inherent in the background of those who immigrated to the original English and Dutch colonies, the later acquisition of the Spanish and French colonies having but little effect on the ideals of the country as a whole. Both English and Dutch have the same racial and cultural ancestry.

At the beginning of the fifth century A.D., the inhabitants of the British Isles were Celtic. At that time the section of Europe from the Danish peninsula to the Rhine was inhabited by peoples or tribes of Teutonic stock, all closely related racially, using various dialects of the low German speech and having similar temperamental reactions and social and political customs. These peoples included the Jutes, Saxons, Frisians and Angles. Within the groups of these early inhabitants, certain institutions had been established. The assemblies and "Tun Moots," at which all freemen took part in selecting their leaders and settling matters of general interest, was a right claimed and accepted by all. The family was the social unit; a man had but one wife, as contrasted with the promiscuity of many other contemporaneous peoples. There was also the method of determining whether or not a man was guilty of wrongdoing. This was the responsibility of his kinfolk who appear to have been his initial judges as to his guilt or innocence, and were in honor bound to settle the matter justly or be disgraced. This procedure closely resembles our institution involving a "jury of his peers." Going back still further it will be found that these peoples although heathen, fundamentally, were individualists in religion.

In the middle of the fifth century there began a series of invasions and settlements of Britain by the peoples from the mainland, starting with the Jutes and followed in much greater numbers by the Saxons and the Angles. The invaders gradually drove back or exterminated the Britains, so that at the end of the following two centuries England, as it is now known, was principally occupied by the descendants of the Anglo-Saxons from the mainland. With them they brought and established their customs and laws which, although crude, were based on certain principles. About this time began the incursions of the Norsemen, who became a power in England shortly before the Norman conquest in 1066.

During the period from the Saxon conquest to the Norman conquest customs and laws in England were based on those brought from the mainland. The Normans introduced new customs and curtailed certain of the rights enjoyed under Anglo-Saxon rule. However, on the accession of Henry I in 1101 he granted a charter which was based on the Anglo-Saxon laws and customs in vogue before the Norman conquest. The Magna Charta, exacted from King John by the Barons in 1215 included the principles expressed in the charter of Henry I, but with more detail and

greatly expanded, with special reference to the nobles. The English "Bill of Rights" which was established in 1689, in the first year of the reign of William and Mary (Prince and Princess of Orange) and King and Queen of England, was based on the ancient rights of the people. The laws of England and to some extent the laws of the United States follow similar principles.

Returning to the mainland of Europe, in the section now called the Netherlands, the same ideals still prevailed with the inhabitants, as those carried to Britain by their kinsmen in the fifth and sixth centuries. These ideals, although at times dormant under foreign rulers, continued to survive. The early Frisian Statute Book states: "The Frisians shall be free as long as the wind blows—" In the fifteenth century, certain privileges and the re-establishment of ancient rites were forced from the rulers of the Netherlands. On February 10, 1477, deputies representing Flanders, Brabant, Hainault and Holland, compelled Mary, Duchess of Burgundy, daughter and heiress of Charles the Bold, to sign "The Great Privilege." This charter states that no taxes shall be raised, coins struck, or alterations made in the standard of money, or war declared without the consent of the States; no man shall fill two offices, no office shall be farmed—natives only shall hold office—a Supreme Court and Council shall be re-established for appeals from inferior courts, and the Netherlands language shall be used in all public documents. "The Great Privilege" not only might be considered the Magna Charta of the Netherlands, but to a far greater extent expresses those desires which later were formed into the fundamental laws of America.

During the reign of Philip II of Spain and his control of the Netherlands, the people underwent one of the most terrible "inquisitions" of the times, with tens of thousands burned at the stake, drowned or otherwise executed or tortured. This rule was broken by the efforts of William the Silent and the courage and tenacity of the Netherlanders, the Spanish troops eventually being forced to withdraw. A "Declaration of Independence" by the United Provinces assembled at "The Hague" followed. This document contains a preamble outlining the duties of a sovereign and states the conditions under which the people have a right to sever their allegiance. A long list of grievances and charges follow.

A Republic having been formed, 49 articles of a "Constitution" were agreed upon in 1583 which, among other principles, contained those covered in "The Great Privilege" and provided for freedom of speech and religion and for two legislative chambers. Also, the right of each province to have its own autonomous political structure and laws was confirmed. In addition, a district not under the control of any province was allocated to the central government. A comparison of the forms of these documents with our own Declaration of Independence and Constitution and the

(Continued on page 4)

# THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN NEW NETHERLAND

By Ottmar H. Van Norden

**December 1644.** The winter having come and the savages having stowed away their maize and other provisions into holes dug into the ground, they now rove in parties continually around, day and night, on this island of Manhattans, slaying our folk sometimes not a thousand paces from the fort.

**December 1644.** The bouweries on the Bay (Newark) and here on Manhattan run great danger of being burned this winter for never have the savages shewn themselves so bold and insolent.

**January 1645.** The Assembly of the XIX have decreed a Supreme Counsel for our colony to consist of the Director, a Vice-Director and a Fiscal. The people will have the right to a representation on the Counsel for mutual good understanding and the common advancement and welfare of the inhabitants.

**January 1645.** Little or nothing of any account has been done for the country. Every place is going to ruin. Neither counsel nor advice is taken. Men talk of nothing else but princely power and sovereignty, about which La Montagne argued a few days ago in a tavern, maintaining that the power of the Director here was greater, so far as his office and commission were concerned, than that of His Highness of Orange in the Netherlands.

**January 1645.** Nicolaus Coorn, commander of Rensselaers-Stein, has warned Cornelis van der Huygens, Attorney General for New Netherland, not to oppose or frustrate the right of his Patroon, the Honorable Van Rensselaer, to extend and fortify his colony.

**February 1645.** A treaty of peace has been concluded between the French and the Algonquins of Canada and our allies, the Mohawks. The Canadian Governor General Chevalier de Montmagny, it is reported, will send an ambassador of high rank to Onondaga. In spite of the peace, we are informed the Mohawks still hate the French.

**February 1645.** Our Indian war of recent years has not extended to Rensselaerswyck or the savages of the Mohawk valley. Domine Bogardus says that the settlers around Fort Orange have

treated the Indians as men, have paid for the lands they occupy and have been honest in all their dealings with the savages. Domine Bogardus blames Director Kieft for our Indian troubles here.

**March 1645.** The Assembly of the XIX have recommended that we adjust our difficulties with the people of New Haven Colony and that such of them as are found on our soil should be obliged to submit to our jurisdiction and government. They have also urged emigration from Holland, especially to the Island of the Manhattans. They have further recommended the import into this colony of as many negroes from the Brazils as can be purchased, to assist on our farms.

**April 1645.** The past winter has been the most severe in the memory of the earliest settler. By December first the North River closed at Rensselaerswyck and by the middle of that month was frozen to Staten Island so that travel by sleds and horses was possible to all parts and this condition has continued until late March. The recent great freshet has done much damage and nearly carried away the fort at Rensselaerswyck.

**April 1645.** With the breaking up of the ice a great fish, snow white in color, round in body and blowing water out of its head stranded a few miles below Fort Orange. Some seamen have pronounced the strange visitor a whale. At last accounts the air therabouts and for two miles away is infected with a stench which is offensive.

**April 22, 1645.** A formal peace has been concluded with the Martinecocks who live at Ouheehackey, Suchtahackey, Sichetany-hacky and Nisniqueeg-hacky (Flushing, Glen Cove, Cold Spring and Huntington). The savages have agreed not to injure us but to treat us with respect. To celebrate this occasion a grand salute of three cannon was fired by Jacob Jacobsen Roy who was severely injured when one of the pieces exploded. The River Indians, excited by the Esopus savages, remain hostile to us and either must be appeased or destroyed if we are to continue in this country.

## OUR CULTURAL INHERITANCE

(Continued from page 3)

principles and rights expressed therein, together with the governmental structures involved, would lead one to believe that the similarity could not have been by chance. It is well known that Jefferson, who drafted the "Declaration of Independence," was familiar with the history of the Anglo-Saxon settlement of England and a student of the Anglo-Saxon and Dutch languages. In proposals forwarded to the Virginia delegates to the Continental Congress, Jefferson maintained ". . . our emigration to this country gave England no more rights over us than the emigration of the Danes and Saxons gave to the present authorities of their mother countries over England."

In both English and Dutch colonies education was stressed, a school for both boys and girls

having been established in New Netherland as early as 1628 and a law requiring free education having been passed in Massachusetts in 1647. It should be borne in mind, however, that the Dutch in their home land had free education before England attempted to educate the mass of her people. Nathan Drake, English essayist, writing about the Hollanders in "Shakespeare and His Times" states that a spelling book and a reader were placed in the hands of every child at a time when the mass of the English nation was wholly illiterate. The University of Leyden provided education for many of the noted men of the period. The Pilgrims and others from the British Isles including English, Scotch, Welsh and Irish, and also many from other countries, sojourned in the Netherlands before immigrating to America, and the

(Continued on page 6)

## "HERE and THERE with MEMBERS"

**William R. Bogert** has been promoted to major in the Marine Corps and is provost marshal of the 44th Air Engineer Squadron at Cherry Point, N. C.

**Capt. V. B. DeWitt** is now stationed at the hospital at Camp Croft, S. C.

**Ralph L. Van Name** has been re-appointed by Governor Dewey to a four-year term as a member of the State Commission on Pensions.

**Rev. Dr. Oscar M. Voorhees** has addressed Christ's Mission in this city and other groups on "William of Orange and the Declaration of Independence."

**David Van Zandt Bogert** has been elected president of The Paltz Club at New Paltz.

**P. Raymond Hamlenbeck**, vice-president of the North River Savings Bank, has been re-elected president of the Thirty-fourth Street-Midtown Association for the third consecutive year.

**P. Garretson Polhemus** has announced the marriage of his daughter, A. Shirley, to Pvt. Spencer R. Shamp of Fargo, N. D.

**Sgt. Richard H. Amerman** will take Helen Judson Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram E. Adams, of Brookline, Mass., as his bride on April 14.

**Joseph E. Taulman** of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mrs. Taulman have given to the University of Texas at Austin, the bulk of their collection of New Netherland and Texas history comprising 2,000 volumes, 50,000 clippings and 2,500 photographs and daguerreotypes.

**Staff Sgt. Joseph O. Hasbrouck**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr., of Modena, N. Y., was heard on the radio on February 28, in a broadcast from Paris. He is a member of a Pioneer Mustang Group and has been overseas for sixteen months. He is now on escort work and conditions are good except that the food is not like the cooking of his mother, he declared.

**Lt. Frederick William Banta**, now with the Transportation Corps in the Philippines has been in the service since 1943 and received his commission in Australia. His wife and son, Frederick W. Banta, Jr., live at Newtown, Conn.

**Major Gilbert Brinckerhoff**, son of Gilbert G. Brinckerhoff, is now stationed on the island of Curacao, Dutch West Indies.

**W. W. Brinckerhoff** reports his son, Lt. B. Dirck Brinckerhoff, U.S.N.R., on duty with Naval Air Force since 1941, presently with N.A.T.T.C. at Chicago after two years' service in Newfoundland and the South Pacific.

**C. R. Britten** informs us that his son, Wilson A. Britten, has been promoted to Technical Sergeant Fourth Class. He is with the 94th Division somewhere on the Western Front.

**Teunis G. B. Cortelyou** is Control Auditor of the Horn and Hardart Company.

**Captain Alden de Hart** is assigned to the Transportation Corps, Office Chief of Transportation, and is conducting courses throughout the country on Proper Inspection Methods for the Packaging and Packing of all Transportation Corps material.

**Edward Vanderveer Ditmars** after several trips as Boatswain on the "S.S. Benjamin Holt" which

took him to the invasion coast of France is now a student at the Officers Training School of the U. S. Maritime Service at Fort Trumbull, New London, Conn.

**Flying Officer Frederick R. Lydecker**, R.A.F., has been transferred from the India to the Middle East Command.

**2nd Lt. John K. Lydecker**, Pilot of a 15th A.A.F. B-24 Liberator Bomber, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy".

**Lt. Richard A. Lydecker**, U.S.N.R., is gunnery officer of the "U.S.S. Key," D.E. 348, c/o Fleet P.O., San Francisco.

**Lt. Robert C. Lydecker**, U.S.N.R., is stationed at Asclevlant N.A.S., Quonset Pt., R. I.

**Howard S. F. Randolph** reports that his daughter, Mary Fitz Randolph, was married in March, 1944, to Lt. Herbert W. Hobler who is a B-29 navigator, now located in the Marianas.

**Ernest H. Rapalje** writes that his son, Lt. Daniel C. Rapalje, is in the Army Air Forces as Pilot of a B-24 Liberator, now "somewhere in New Guinea."

**G. E. Updike** reports his son, Edwin H. Updike II, is in the Navy V-12 Training Unit at Colgate and expects to graduate in July.

**William T. Van Atten**, one of our Trustees, has been elected a member of the Executive Committee of the National Service Fund of the Disabled American Veterans.

**Lt. William T. Van Atten, Jr.** has completed a course in Chemical Warfare at Aberdeen, Md., and is now with his Cavalry unit at Fort Riley, Kansas. His wife and two year old son, Billy III, are with him.

**J. R. Van Brunt** writes that his son-in-law, Capt. Ion S. Jackson, Hdq. Co. 543 E.B. & S. Reg't, took part in the invasion of the Philippines where he is now located.

**E. T. Van de Water** writes us that his nephew, Frederic F. Van de Water, Jr., is with the U.S.M.C. somewhere in the far East.

**Lt Commander Paul B. Van Dyke**, Medical Corps, U.S.N.R., has been stationed in New Guinea since December 1943 where he is chief medical officer for a Sea Bees battalion. He spent his Christmas leave in Australia.

**John de C. Van Eten** writes us of his sons: Lt. Jansen H. is in England. Sergeant John S. is in Italy. M/Sgt. David L. is in the Netherlands East Indies.

**Capt. Langdon Van Norden** is attached to the Hq. T.A.C., somewhere in Holland.

**Dr. Irving Wilson Voorhees** has been appointed Instructor in Ear, Nose and Throat at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Medical Center, Columbia University, and is associated with Prof. John D. Kieran in the Vanderbilt Clinic.

**George B. Voorhis, Jr.** E.M./2C, U.S.N., has made a trip to the Hawaiian Islands and to New Hebrides and is now serving in the Pacific.

**Major Dan E. Westervelt**, recently promoted to that rank, is now serving in the South Pacific.

*(Continued on page 7)*

# THE HASBROUCK HOUSE AT NEWBURGH

By Walter H. Van Hoesen

There are many structures which have been preserved for their association with the American Revolution, but the "Hasbrouck House" at Newburgh is outstanding for its historical background and some historians have credited it with having been the "birthplace of the Republic."

The sloping-roofed stone farmhouse on the bank of the Hudson was the place where George Washington wrote the address to his officers which broke the back of the last great conspiracy during the Revolution. It was there that Washington received news by courier of the Continental Congress proclamation for the cessation of hostilities. The suggestion for a society of the "Cincinnati" to which all officers of the Revolution might belong was first advanced within its walls and on the spacious lawn Washington bade farewell to many of his subalterns when he left for Princeton to attend upon Congress, on August 18, 1783.

Sometimes called the "Mansion House," the original structure was built in 1725 by Burger Mynders in the heart of the Hudson River Dutch country. In 1729 it was bought by Jonathan Hasbrouck, a "pious, worthy man," from New Paltz, who enlarged it in 1750 and again in 1770. It stands today with its large 7-doored chamber used as a dining room and living room, its two bedrooms, a parlor and kitchen on the ground floor, a spare bedroom on the second floor and a great gable-roofed attic. Hasbrouck was a patriot, though one of his sons got into trouble on a charge of being a British spy. The old patroon himself lived on until 1779 and it was his widow, "Tryntie," or Catherine, who first received Washington at the place.

It was on April 1, 1782 when Washington and a group of officers led the Continental forces to the Hasbrouck House. He made it his headquarters until August, 1783 and he was accompanied by Martha Washington. The building became the center of the last camping ground of the Revolution, with the armed forces extending for four miles southwest of Newburgh to the village of New Windsor on the west bank of the Hudson. On the summit of high treeless hill overlooking the valley a large, oblong wooden building was erected as a place to hold religious services. It was named the "Temple" and all trace of it has disappeared, with a monument of rough stone now marking the spot where it once stood.

In May, 1782, a month after Washington arrived, he received a letter from a certain Colonel Lewis Nicola, who appears to have been ring-leader of a conspiracy to break up the victory which had been won. He declared that America could never become prosperous under a republican government and proposed a monarchy with Washington as the head.

The suggestion was rejected flatly and history records the reply in which Washington declared he would keep the matter secret unless some further agitation made disclosure necessary. "As

far as my powers and influence in a Constitution may extend they shall be employed to the utmost of my abilities to effect it," he stated.

Nothing further came of the scheme, but on March 10, 1783, a brief notice was circulated without Washington's sanction or authority summoning the General and his field officers to assemble at the "Temple" on the following day to consider resolutions adopted by the Congress. At the same time an anonymous letter was circulated among the troops urging them to rebel against the Congress.

On the night on which he received the notice Washington sat before his table in the old Hasbrouck House and wrote the famous address setting forth the principles which are the very foundations of the Republic. On the following day he delivered his message in person. The effect of the address was immediate and complete. The threatened mutiny was quelled, many of the soldiers were permitted to go home on furloughs and Washington left with Governor Clinton on an inspection of military installations.

Washington was back at the Hasbrouck House on April 19, 1783, when he received the proclamation by Congress for the end of fighting. It was read at noon to officers assembled at the "Temple" and to every regiment of the army that night.

As the time was near when officers of the Continental Army were to take leave of one another, perhaps forever, General Knox suggested, while Washington was still at the Hasbrouck House, that a society to be called the "Cincinnati" should be organized, to which all the officers might belong. The first meeting was held at the "Temple" on May 10, 1783, a tentative set of rules were drawn up and an insignia adopted.

The last dramatic event at the Hasbrouck House recorded in the pages of Revolutionary history occurred on August 18, 1783 when Washington made an affectionate farewell to his men upon the eve of departing for Rocky Hill near Princeton, New Jersey, where he later wrote his final farewell address to the officers and also received word by courier from New Brunswick that the treaty of peace with England had been signed by England at Ghent, in Belgium.

---

## OUR CULTURAL INHERITANCE

(Continued from page 4)

example set by the Dutch may have inspired the desire for education in the colonies.

In conclusion, it should be pointed out that the Dutch Republic antedated the American Republic by about 200 years and most of the ideals, guarantees and forms of government of our own country were in existence in the Netherlands in the 16th Century and undoubtedly had considerable influence in the formation of our own basic laws.

# OLD DUTCH FAMILIES

## VII. VAN VOORHEES FAMILY

By Rev. Dr. Oscar Voorhees

The progenitor of the Van Voorhees family, who came from the province of Drentia in 1660, and settled in Flatlands on Long Island, was Steven Coerten (Coerts as spelled on the Bonte Kou record) seems not to have known the name which his grandsons accepted nearly a half century later. All his children were named Stevens or Stevense, according to the Dutch custom. The early explanation of the acceptance of the name is only partially correct. Elias W. Van Voorhis, compiler and publisher of the family Genealogy in 1888, was not aware that a large property around the village of Hees, the possession of a monastery, when secularized, was divided for administrative purposes into three parts, named respectively Voor Hees, Middle Hees and Achter Hees. That Steven Coerten came from Voorhees is known from letters still extant, written to Steven's oldest son, Coert Stevens, by a cousin Hilbert (not an uncle as Elias, following Teunis G. Bergen, wrote). These were addressed to Coert Stevens of Voorhees, and evidently decided the acceptance of Van Voorhees as the family name. A branch in Dutchess County changed the spelling to Van Voorhis, many families in New Jersey soon dropped the Van, and some spelled the name Voorhees, others shortened it in other ways, Voorhes, Vorhes, Voorhis, Vorhis, Vories and Voris, but the pronunciation was only slightly changed.

The Genealogist of 1888 also did not know that Steven Coerten came to New Amsterdam with his second wife, Willemie Seubering (Sebring), the mother of his younger children. The name of the first wife, and mother of two daughters, one the bride of John Kiers, who came on the same vessel, and of Coert, the oldest son, then is not known.

Lucas, first son of Willemie, was 22, Jan, Albert and Abraham, and three daughters, were younger, children of Steven's old age, for he was 60 at the time of arrival.

All the sons but Abraham, whose place in the line cannot be stated with definiteness, had large families, not a few being sons. Coert had five sons, Lucas, six; Jan, seven; and Albert, eight, who grew to manhood and married. In the fourth

generation there were eighty great-grandsons and, in the fifth generation, 196 were listed in the Genealogy of 1888, and it is now known that many failed to send in data. That Elias was able to contact so many is an evidence of perseverance. He was responsible for the form of the family Coat-of-Arms, though it differs from one given by Bergen. Correspondence in the matter was broken off by the present war.

Three years after the Genealogy came from the press, its compiler, Elias W. Van Voorhis, was interested in organizing the Holland Society, becoming, with two others of the name, members in its initial year, 1885. In all seventy of the name have been members, of whom forty are still living. While the great majority have lived in near-by states, not a few are from distant parts, as far west as the Pacific coast.

The family has become widely scattered. In 1932 a Van Voorhees Association was formed by members living chiefly in Greater New York, having as an immediate purpose a fitting celebration of the 275th anniversary of the coming to New Amsterdam of our common ancestor. Services were held on May 26 in the Elizabeth Rodman Voorhees Chapel at the College for Women of Rutgers University, and in the Flatlands Reformed Church, on June 1st. The concluding gathering was held on August 31st, with a business session in the Reformed Church of High Bridge, N. J., which two of the Voorhees name had served as ministers, followed by a picnic-luncheon at near-by Voorhees State Park, which was bequeathed to the State of New Jersey by Honorable Foster M. Voorhees, who had been Governor for a term, having been elected the same day that Theodore Roosevelt was elected Governor of New York. Members were present from many distant places, one coming from far-away Oregon. The Association, which is endeavoring to compile a new family Genealogy, now has over 650 members drawn from forty-five states, and one from Japan—William Merrell Vorries, who married a Japanese wife, and, shortly before the beginning of the present war, became a citizen of Japan, a subject if that term is necessary to describe the relationship.

### HERE AND THERE WITH MEMBERS

(Continued from page 5)

**Capt. Arthur Brown Van Buskirk** took Edith Francis Smith of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, as his bride in a ceremony performed March 9. They are at home at 11510 64th Street, Edmonton.

**Trustee John de C. Van Etten** lost his wife, Jane Seaman Van Etten, by death on March 23. She is survived also by three sons in the armed forces: Serg. John S., Lieut. Jansen H. and Master Sgt. David L.

**Trustee Harold O. Voorhis** has been appointed vice-chancellor at New York University, where he had been secretary for a number of years.

**Trustee Frederick I. Bergen** is convalescing from a major operation performed at Doctor's Hospital, New York, in March.

**Richard K. Hoagland** and Mrs. Hoagland, of Cranbury, N. J., are parents of a second daughter, Victoria Rhea, born late in March.

# IN MEMORIAM

## CLARENCE HALLET DENTON

Clarence Hallet Denton, a member of The Holland Society of New York since December, 1939, died of a heart ailment in his office in the Commodore Branch of the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company on January 4, 1945. He was born at Flushing, Queens County, L. I., New York, August 30, 1880. He was the son of George and Frances Amelia (Hallet) Denton. He entered the employ of the bank as a clerk in 1902 and in 1922 was designated as manager of the Commodore Branch. He was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, The Old Settlers Society of Queens Village and the Masonic Order. His wife, Elsie Weldon Denton, died in December, 1944. He is survived by two sons, George and John Denton and three brothers.

## HAMILTON VREELAND

Hamilton Vreeland, M.D., a member of The Holland Society of New York since January, 1909, died on Friday, January 12, 1945, at The Pine Rest Sanitarium, Paramus, New Jersey. He was the son of Henry R. and Elizabeth Jane (Mush) Vreeland. He was born in Jersey City, N. J., March 23, 1859, and was a direct descendant of Michael Jansen Vreeland, who came from Holland in 1638. In 1912 Dr. Vreeland served our Society as Vice President for Hudson County. He was educated at Hasbrouck Institute, Jersey City and at New York University. He commenced the practice of medicine in Jersey City in 1885, and had been a member of the staff of the Jersey City and Saint Francis Hospitals. He was a prominent member of several important medical societies, The Camp Fire Club, The Sons of the American Revolution and the Old Bergen Church of Jersey City. His wife died in 1941 and two brothers also predeceased him. A son, Hamilton Vreeland, Jr., and a grandson, Hamilton Vreeland, III, survive him.

## HERBERT HAROLD VREELAND

Herbert Harold Vreeland, a member of The Holland Society of New York since June, 1902, passed away at Palm Beach, Florida, January 31, 1945. He was born at Glen, Montgomery County, N. Y., in October, 1856. He was the son of the Rev. Abraham H. and Jane W. (Van Riper) Vreeland. He began his business career at the youthful age of thirteen, and made an outstanding success of his life. He rose in the traction world through his integrity and by hard work in the American way. His early days were spent in steam railroading. He served the Long Island Railroad, and the New York & Northern, now the Putnam Division of the N. Y. Central R.R. and in 1893 he became identified with the street railway system of the old City of New York, and from many small companies he developed the Metropolitan Traction Company. He was active in the management and direction of this company, its successors' leased and allied lines. He was decorated by His Majesty, Albert First, King of the Belgians. His wife died several years ago and he is survived by one daughter

and four sons; two of his sons are members of the Holland Society.

## WILLIAM HUBELL WALDRON

William Hubbell Waldron, a member of The Holland Society of New York since March, 1935, died at his home in New Brunswick, N. J., February 1, 1945. He had been seriously ill for a long period of time. He was born in New Brunswick in June, 1865 and graduated from Rutgers University in the class of 1886. He afterward became a life trustee of this famous institution of learning. Upon leaving college he entered the employ of the machinery company established by his father. He was a prominent member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a director of The National Bank of New Jersey and The New Brunswick Savings Institution. He was very fond of foreign travel and had made sixty-three crossings of the Atlantic Ocean. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna Bogart Waldron, and a sister, Miss Florence E. Waldron.

## HOWARD GRIFFIN BLAUVELT

Howard Griffin Blauvelt, a member of The Holland Society of New York since March, 1943, died at his home in Grand View-on-Hudson, N. Y., February 8, 1945. He was born at Nyack, N. Y., and was the son of Edgar E. and Florence Griffin Blauvelt. Funeral services were held at his home. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a brother. Mr. Blauvelt was also an active member of The Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York.

## WILLIAM OAKLEY VAN BLARCOM

William Oakley Van Blarcom, who joined The Holland Society of New York in June, 1937, died at his home in Fall River, Mass., on Feb. 13, 1945. He was born in Hawthorne, N. J., on August 31, 1869, the son of John Francis and Martha F. Oakley Van Blarcom. He was connected with the Massasoit Mfg. Co., for thirty-five years and became an investment broker in 1919. He was a Presbyterian and a Mason. He is survived by four sons and a daughter.

## COL. LOUIS J. VAN SCHACK

Col. Louis J. Van Schack, a member of The Holland Society of New York since 1936, died in the Philippine Islands on February 14, 1945, a few days after his release from a Japanese prison camp by victorious American troops. A native of Cableskill, N. Y. and a brother of Trustee George S. Van Schack, he had been most of the time in the Philippines since serving there during the Spanish American War. He retired from the Army in 1934 and became associated with a gold mining company. Soon after invasion of the Philippines he and Mrs. Van Schack were interned. He was born in 1875, entered West Point in 1896 and went to the Philippines as a lieutenant in 1899. He held the Congressional Medal of Honor. Besides his widow three brothers and a sister survive.

## FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

1882-1945

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, thirty-first President of the United States, former Governor of New York State, world statesman and humanitarian and a member of the Holland Society for thirty-five years, died at Warm Springs, Ga., on April 12th, 1945.

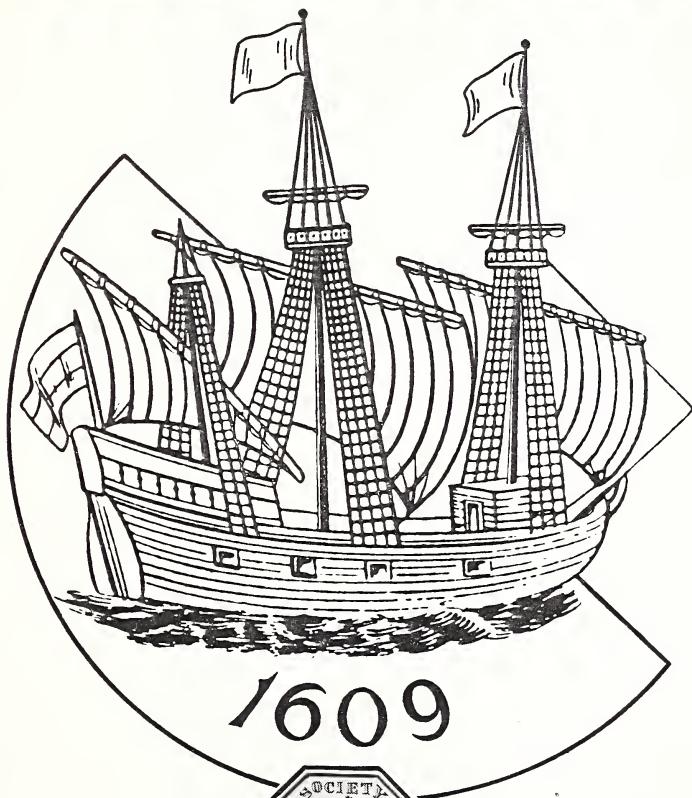
President Roosevelt joined the Society on December 20, 1910. The application prepared in his own handwriting shows descent from Claes Martensen Van Roosevelt, who came to New Amsterdam from Holland in 1649-50. The President was eighth in direct descent. He was born at Hyde Park, New York, on January 30, 1882, the son of James Roosevelt and Sara Delano.

Always keenly interested in perpetuating the history and traditions of the early Dutch settlers, President Roosevelt was a trustee of the Society from 1923-1938. During this time he was Governor of the State from 1929-1933 and President from 1933-1945. He was chairman of the committee on "Dutch Houses in the Hudson Valley before 1776" published in 1929 and chairman of the committee on "Pre-Revolutionary Houses in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York" (1936), both prepared under the auspices of the Society.

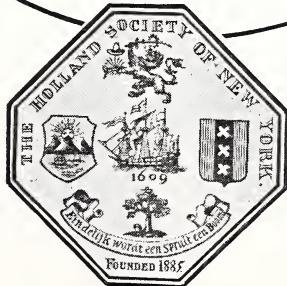
In addition to his widow, Eleonor Roosevelt, he is survived by a daughter and four sons: Col. James Roosevelt, a member of the Society; Brig. Gen. Elliot Roosevelt; Lieut. Commander Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. and Lieut. John Roosevelt. Burial was at Hyde Park on Sunday, April 15.



de  
Halve Maen



The  
HOLLAND SOCIETY  
VOL. XX • No. 3



of NEW YORK  
JULY, 1945



# The Holland Society of New York

90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

*President:*

Col. Leigh K. Lydecker

*Vice-Presidents:*

New York County	Frank H. Vedder
Kings County	A. Lloyd Lott
Queens County	Howard D. Springsteen
Suffolk County	Ferdinand L. Wyckoff
Nassau County	Robert L. Bergen
Westchester County	Irving B. Lydecker
Dutchess County	John H. Dingman, M.D.
Ulster County	J. E. Hasbrouck, Jr.
Albany County	C. Reeve Vanneman
Schenectady County	William V. B. Van Dyck
Bergen County, N. J.	Theodore Van Winkle
Essex County, N. J.	Frederick A. Lydecker
Passaic County, N. J.	Dr. Robert J. De Groot
Union County, N. J.	Frederick C. Hyer
Middlesex County, N. J.	Ernest H. Rapelje
Monmouth County, N. J.	Harold V. B. Voorhis
Mercer County, N. J.	Raymond B. Voorhees
New England	Dr. George S. Van Riper
The South	Kingsland Van Winkle
Pacific Coast	Ozé Van Wyck
United States Army	Col. Arthur Poillon
United States Navy	Capt. J. E. Ostrander, Jr.

*Treasurer:*

Rufus Van Aken

*Secretary:*

Harold E. Ditmars

*Domine:*

Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen

*Trustees:*

Hon. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. (1947)	Rufus Cole Van Aken (1947)
Frederick I. Bergen (1946)	William T. Van Atten (1948)
Seth Toby Cole (1948)	Harold O. Voorhis (1949)
Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr. (1946)	John de C. Van Eten (1949)
Francklyn Hogeboom (1947)	Walter H. Van Hoesen (1946)
Kilian Van Rensselaer (1949)	Ottomar H. Van Norden (1949)
Walter M. Meserole (1947)	Hon. Geo. S. Van Schaick (1948)
Franklyn J. Poucher (1948)	Charles A. Van Winkle (1949)
Henry R. Sutphen (1948)	William Van Wyck (1947)
Wilfred B. Talman (1946)	Frank H. Vedder (1946)

*Editor:*

Walter H. Van Hoesen

*Editorial Committee:*

Ottomar H. Van Norden, Vice-Chairman	Howard Osterhout
Richard H. Amerman	Franklyn J. Poucher
Hevlyn Dirck Benson	Wilfred B. Talman
John A. Bogart	Thomas E. Van Winkle
H. Gail Davis	Stryker Williamson
Albert E. Oliver	





NEW YORK CITY

JULY, 1945

## Why 1675?

By Walter M. Miserole

This question must have been asked many times by those who have heard for the first time the necessary qualifications for eligibility to membership in The Holland Society, and most of the inquirers must have been no less mystified when they were told "because that date marks the end of Dutch rule in the Colony of New Netherland and settlement before Dutch rule ended is the same necessity to qualify a settler to be the basis for his descendants' membership in the Society", of course we all know from our study of United States history that the English rule superseded the earlier Dutch government in 1664, when a small army came on a fleet of English vessels to New Amsterdam and forced the Dutch Governor, Petrus Stuyvesant, to yield the control of the Colony to the English.

But while the historical authors have all given prominence to the surrender in 1664, there has been almost no mention of the fact that nine years in 1673, when the English and the Dutch were at war, the Dutch turned the tables on the English by sending a strong force of ships and to invade New York, when the English surrendered the whole combined Colony of New York and New Jersey without making the least resistance and a strong Dutch government was set up and lasted until the Treaty of Westminster ended the existing war and the Dutch relinquished their claim to colonial rights on the continent of America and turned back the government English in 1675.

In the period of this short Dutch regime, the Governor, Anthony Colvér, exercised a much more stringent rule than was the case with the Dutch Governors who derived their authority from the Dutch West India Company and the States General of the Netherlands, gave Governor Colvér the backing of an military force to ensure that the wide powers which the Governor was endowed should be obeyed by the inhabitants.

Establishing of his authority, Governor Colvér called in the Commissioners to every then inhabited part of the present State of New York and

New Jersey, who administered oaths of allegiance to the heads of all families and canvassed the inhabitants for nominees for the appointment of local magistrates and other officers, from which nominations the Governor made his appointments of such local functionaries, and these Commissioners were successful in such missions in every inhabited locality in the region except on the East end of Long Island.

The experiences of the Commission sent to cover the present Suffolk County area of Long Island are related in a document in the Dutch language found in governmental archives at the Hague, and a translation into English of this quaint and highly interesting paper can be found in the second volume of the series of "Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York" which shows that while the Commission met with no opposition in most of the settlements in this area, which were almost exclusively made up by migration from the earlier settlements at New Haven and other Connecticut localities, the settlers at Southold, Southampton and East Hampton refused to have any dealings with the Commission and virtually expelled the Dutch envoys from their holdings under threat of personal violence.

In the half century prior to 1664, a large proportion of the settlers in New Netherland were of other than Dutch blood, because in that period prosperous economic conditions in the Netherlands gave no excuse for the discontent that is the usual cause of wholesale emigration, while at the same time political and religious upheavals in many parts of Europe, notably in Great Britain and France, made it easy for the agents of the Patroons who were canvassing everywhere for settlers to develop their enormous landholdings in New Netherland, to secure emigrants in large numbers from England, France, Germany and the Scandinavian countries, as well as a sprinkling from other parts of Europe, and both before and after 1664 and before 1675 many settlers came to New Netherland from New England and the English Colonies on the east end of Long Island.

(Continued on page 6)



## Long Island Dinner

The twenty-fourth annual meeting and dinner of the Long Island Branch of the Holland Society of New York was held Tuesday evening, May 8, 1945 at the Jamaica Club, Chamber of Commerce Building, 89-31 One Hundred and Sixty-first Street, Jamaica, Queens County, New York. There were forty-seven members and guests present. The reception began at six thirty o'clock and dinner was served at seven o'clock. The invocation was asked by the Rev. A. Nelson Doak, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Newtown.

A brief business meeting was held and President Howard D. Springsteen turned the chair over to Trustee Ottomar H. Van Norden. The nominating committee reported through Harold E. Ditmars, and Howard D. Springsteen was re-elected as President of the Branch; Nelson J. Springsteen, secretary, and Charles Vanderveer Rapeij, treasurer. President Springsteen presided and brief addresses were made by Trustees Walter M. Meserole, Ottomar H. Van Norden, William T. Van Atten, and Rufus Cole Van Aken, also treasurer of the parent society and by Col. Leigh K. Lydecker, president of the parent society; Harold E. Ditmars, secretary of the parent society. Messrs A. Lloyd Lott, V. P. for Kings; R. L. Bergen, V. P. for Nassau and Ferdinand Lott Wyckoff, V. P. for Suffolk made a few remarks and Mr. E. Covert Hulst, one of the senior members present also took a bow. Through the good offices of Charles H. Vosburgh, Principal of the Jamaica High School, the speaker of the evening was Rev. Father Fred A. Gallagher, S. J., Lieut. Commander, Chaplain Corps, U. S. Navy and Chaplain attached to the St. Albans Naval Hospital.

Father Gallagher delivered a most interesting and instructive address relating his experiences in the Pacific theater of War while serving with the United States Marine Corps and also told of some of his experiences at the hospital. At the conclusion of this address President Springsteen announced that due to the magnificent generosity of one of our senior members, all expenses had been met and that there was a surplus, and that with the permission of the members, he would donate to Father Gallagher the sum of twenty-five dollars to be used at his discretion among the patients at the Saint Albans Hospital. The meeting then adjourned. The officers of the Branch are to be most heartily congratulated upon the very successful meeting and dinner. Those present are already looking forward to next year.

## New Members

The Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership June 14, 1945 by the Trustees:

EDWIN BANTA ACKERMAN, Stamford, Conn.  
EDWIN BANTA ACKERMAN, JR., Stamford, Conn.  
JOHN ALFRED AMERMAN, Bloomfield, N. J.  
TEN EYCK ELMENDORF, Leonia, N. J.  
ARTHUR WARD HENDRICKSON, Jamaica, N. Y.  
GILBERT FRANCIS VAN BLARCOM, Fall River, Mass.  
ICHEN CHILLIAN VAN HOUTEN, JR., Malone, N. Y.  
WILLIAM LYLE VAN NUIS, New Brunswick, N. J.  
LYDECKER VAN RIPER, New York City.  
GERDON DURAND VOORHIS, Red Hook, N. Y.  
ELMER CORNELIUS VREELAND, Maywood, N. J.  
DANIEL WINANT, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Joint Meeting

The annual joint spring meeting of the trustees and vice-presidents of The Holland Society of New York was held at the Metropolitan Club on May 10. President Leigh K. Lydecker presided and the nearly thirty members present joined in an earnest discussion of matters for advancing the Society.

It was the general concensus that well planned expansion of activities in the post war period could be the instrument for bringing the roll of members up to the 1,000 mark, with a waiting list of applications for admission. The hope was expressed for more frequent picnics and other gatherings which would afford a greater opportunity for members to get better acquainted. Trustee Ottomar H. Van Norden, as chairman of membership, led the discussion.

Trustee Harold O. Voorhis reported that his committee would soon set about the selection of a candidate to receive the Society's annual distinguished achievement medal award at the banquet. Trustees George Van Schaick, William Van Wyck and Frank Vedder took occasion to praise the aims of the Society.

At the conclusion of the meeting adjournment was taken for supper and during a social period which followed those present were called on for remarks.

## Banquet Plans

Recommendation of the committee in charge for holding the annual banquet of the Society on the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on the evening of Thursday, November 15, was approved at a meeting of the trustees held June 14 at the Metropolitan Club. Prof. Adrian J. Barnewall, native of Holland, naturalized American citizen and Queen Wilhelmina professor of Dutch language and literature at Columbia since 1921, will receive the Society's distinguished achievement medal annual award and make the principal address.

A resolution expressing the joy of the Society over the freeing of The Netherlands was offered by President Leigh K. Lydecker and adopted, with provision for the forwarding of an engrossed copy to Queen Wilhelmina.

The financial affairs of the Society were shown by report of Treasurer Rufus Cole Van Aken to be in good condition. It was moved to have him confer with the finance committee headed by Trustee John deC. Van Eeten with reference to investing saving funds of the Society.

Trustee Walter M. Meserole, reporting for the committee on library, history and tradition, stated that church and cemetery records covering parts of Bergen, Rockland and Orange counties have been received by gift. Trustee Francklyn Hogeboom reported twelve applications for membership which were approved and fourteen deaths.

At dinner, which followed the business meeting, a candle lighted cake was carried in as those present felicitated Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen, domine of the Society.



# OLD DUTCH FAMILIES

## VIII—VANDERHEYDEN

By Richard Schermerhorn, Jr.

The Vanderheyden family was prominent in the settlement of New York, though at the present time the name is rarely encountered, but the family is connected by marriage with many of the up-state Dutch families. The Lansing, Vischer, Bratt, Leversee, and Schermerhorn families several instances were intermarried with the Vanderheydens, while the families of Livingston, Wenzel, Kip, Van Schaick, Fonda, Van Alstyne, Van Antwerp, Van Arnhem, Vrooman, DeForest, Wickman and Hallenbeck were also closely allied to them by marriage.

The pioneer ancestor was Jacob Tyse Vanderheyden, born in 1617. He was married in Amsterdam, Holland, to Anna Hals, July 25, 1655, at which time the church records show that he was "Van Kampen" and his wife "Van Haerlem". Jacob then was the widower of Elsje Gerrits. Anna's age was then given as 29 years. A very interesting point in this connection is that it seems to be substantiated that Anna Hals was the daughter of Dirk Hals, the painter, who was the brother of the famous painter Frans Hals (Anneke, dau. of Dirk Hals and Agnete Jans, was baptised Nov. 25, 1625, Amsterdam, Holland) (data supplied by Wm. J. Hoffman). Notice also that Jacob Tyse and Anna Hals had a son, Dirk, who was the ancestor of most of the American Vanderheydens.

Jacob Tyse came to this country in 1653 or perhaps earlier. (He was a member of the Burgher Militia Corps, New Amsterdam, in this year). In June, 1654, he was in Albany when, as one of the "most prosperous and loyal citizens" he contributed to the repair of the fort. Soon after he returned to Holland to marry Anna Hals and bring her to America, and our next record of him in Albany is in December, 1657. He became a fur trader and apparently continued this occupation throughout his life, though he was also active in buying and selling Albany real estate. He died in 1687, his widow surviving him as late as 1700.

Jacob had three sons, Matthys, Dirk and Johannes. Matthys (b. 1656) married Anna Margaretha, daughter of Col. Augustine Heermans who settled the colony of Bohemia Manor, Maryland and removed soon after 1703, from New Amsterdam to Maryland. He was a member of the Maryland Legislature 1709-17. His daughters

married into very important Southern families, but Matthys left no son to carry on the family name in this branch. One of the descendants of Matthys was the prominent Edmund Randolph, Governor of Virginia, also holding many other important public offices.

The third son, Johannes (b. circa 1672) lived in New Amsterdam and died there in 1702. His widow and children removed to Albany to be looked after by the other brother Dirk, who had apparently succeeded to his father's interests up-state. Johannes, Jr. (b. 1702) son of above Johannes, became a lawyer and a prominent citizen of Albany. His son Johannes, 3rd (b. 1725) settled in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, and the family homestead was occupied by members of this family until a fairly late day.

Dirk (b. circa 1662), the second son of Jacob Tyse, married Rachel Keteluyen (dau. of Jochem) and most of the Vanderheydens were their descendants. Dirk Vanderheyden's name appears Sept. 7, 1687 (six months after his marriage) as a member of a trading expeditionary force to the Indian Country, which was set upon by a large body of French and Indians who took them prisoners. They were barbarously treated and taken to Canada. Dirk and three others (out of 29) finally escaped and made their way back to Albany, taking five days for the journey. Dirk remained in Albany until about 1707. He had held public office as assessor, 1700; constable, 1703 and asst. alderman, 1705-7. On June 2, 1707, he purchased of Peter Van Woggelum, two tracts of land in Rensselaerwyck, the site of which eventually became the city of Troy, which property was released to him without restriction by Van Rensselaer, Dec. 15, 1720. At his death this property was inherited by three of his sons, Jacob, David and Matthys. In 1732, David conveyed his share to Jacob and in 1739 Jacob and Matthys divided the property, Jacob retaining the northern and middle sections and Matthys the southern. Eventually this property came under the control of Jacob D. (b. 1758), termed the Middle Patroon, Jacob I. (b. 1749) the North Patroon and Matthys (b. 1760) the South Patroon. Each of the three subdivided their lands into building lots about 1793, at the time the development of the City of Troy began, and thus they became known as the "Patroons of Troy".

## New Amsterdam Money

Winter wheat to be taken in payment at five shillings, and summer wheat at four shillings and sixpence, per bushel—1675.

Wampum—six white to pass for a stuiver, or penny, and three black at the same rate—1672. Bond for 1600 guilders in Wampum—1672.

Mexico plate to pass at the rate of six shillings, and Peru at the rate of five shillings, per eighteen penny-weight—1675.

110 English pounds in pieces of eight at six shillings, New England money, each, the consideration for a lot—1668.

20 Guilders in Wampum equal only to 10 Guilders in Holland money—1661.

750 guilders in tobacco, the consideration in a conveyance for a lot; 932 pounds weight of tobacco raised on a farm; and an cation for 400 pounds weight of tobacco and 2 Stuivers—1667.



# OUR ANCESTORS IN EUROPE

By Thomas E. Van Winkle

In Caesar's time the topography of the northwest portion of Europe, including the territory now known as the Netherlands and Belgium, varied from low marshy land to solid high ground, with sand dunes along the North Sea and a chain of islands adjacent to the coast. The area was covered with a dense forest, with numerous lakes and rivers. Along the northerly coast and abutting islands lived the Frisians, the westward advance guard of the Saxons, the main body of whom at that time occupied the land to the east. Between the Rhine and the Scheldt dwelt the Batavians, and to the south, were the Belgae.

The Frisians were mentioned frequently in Roman history and later were known as the "Free Frisians" in their own folklore and records. They were not included in the Roman Empire, but maintained their independence under agreement to provide Rome with hides. Procopius states that the Frisians were found in Britain in the fifth and sixth centuries and they undoubtedly took part in the invasion and settlement of Britain with their kinsmen, the Saxons. The settlement of the North Frisians on the islands and coast of the Danish peninsula was probably the result of a secondary migration. Some historians state that the Frisians were the greatest naval power in the North Sea in the sixth and seventh centuries and that the later decline of this power gave the Danes and others their opportunity to carry on raids to the west.

During the first half of the thirteenth century the North Sea gradually broke through the protecting dunes and created the Zuider Zee, engulfing numerous villages with their inhabitants. For a time the people to the west of the Zuider Zee were known as West Frisians, but after their subjugation by the Counts of Holland, during the last half of the thirteenth century they became known as Hollanders.

In the first and second centuries the Saxons who were of the same race as the Frisians, lived to the east of the Frisians. It is probable that the names of these peoples of the same tongue and race were used indiscriminately. Ptolemy speaks of the Saxons as inhabiting the base or neck of Jutland about the middle of the second century. The Angli also came from the territory south of Jutland, and it is doubtful if any real distinction should be made between the Saxons and the Angles who invaded and settled England. The Saxons are spoken of as engaged in piratical raids in the third and fourth centuries, and in the fifth century as invading and settling Britain, which was an epoch making event. During this period they raided the northern coast of Gaul, establishing settlements at the mouth of the River

Loire and at Bayeux. Also by the middle of the fourth century the Saxons had pushed westward on the mainland and settled to the south of the Frisians, who occupied the coast. By the end of the sixth century the seafaring Saxons probably had been integrated with the Frisians. These ancient Saxons should not be confused with the inhabitants of the present Saxony located in the eastern part of Germany. The population of this section, although mainly Teutonic, contains a large Slavic element.

Shortly before the Christian era, the Chatti, one of the most powerful of the Teutonic tribes, divided into factions. One faction migrated to an island bordered by the two branches of the Rhine, which had been vacated by its previous inhabitants, who probably had joined the Cimbri in their migration and temporary conquests to the south. This branch of the Chatti called their new home Bat-awu (good meadow), and thereafter were known as Batavi or Batavians. They played an important part in Roman history. They were not conquered but were allies of Rome and provided legions under their own officers for the Roman army. Under the Roman emperors they were known as the Imperial Body Guard.

In general the Belgae lived to the south and the west of the Rhine. Of the inhabitants of Gaul, Caesar stated in his Commentaries that the Belgae were the bravest. He also said that the various groups differed in customs, language and laws. It is probable, however, that the Belgae consisted of a number of tribes, some of Celtic and some of Teutonic origin.

In later times individuals and groups from other localities, including the British Isles, France and the Scandinavian countries, migrated to the low countries and to New Netherland. Of these the English were fundamentally Teutonic, with later additions of Celtic stock. Scotland was inhabited by the Picts and Scots, the latter resulting from the invasion of the Scotti, a Celtic people from Ireland. The French, Welsh and Irish were principally Celtic, with traces left by the Romans. All of these groups undoubtedly absorbed some portion of prehistoric peoples, augmented by invasions and settlements by the Norse and some natives from the Mediterranean area acquired in the course of trade. The Scandinavians were of Teutonic origin.

Archological studies indicate that the peoples of this locality carried on trade with the Middle East and the eastern Mediterranean more than 2000 years before the Christian era, using the Brenner Pass and the valley of the Danube. At about the same time a route to Britain was in use, across the North Sea to the mouth of the Humber.

## LUNCH ON TUESDAYS

The usual group of Society members in business around lower Manhattan will continue to meet during the summer at the New York State Chamber of Commerce, 65 Liberty Street, for luncheon at 12 o'clock on Tuesdays. Members who may be in the vicinity are invited to join the gathering.

Fred A. Lyd  
County, has be  
Public Service  
gas operations.

Hugh G. Ber  
annual meeting  
County, Inc.

Lieut. Philip  
in dispatches  
commander of  
a Japanese ta  
and six destro  
was sunk by  
to base Jap r

William M.  
at Crawford F  
His nep  
tenant, U.S.N.

Alston Bee  
of his imm  
son, Captain

Garet A. !  
been Ared C  
nephew and  
in, Comba  
and, later, th  
was Military  
fured in Ger

Captain B  
and three-qu  
inactive. H  
and Air Cor

Dr. Natha  
of the boar  
first annua  
Inc. on Apr

Harold C  
urer of the  
cellar of N  
duties as s

G. Payn  
Tuckhoe,  
of their do  
Owen C.

PFC. Mc  
Antonio, T  
Base Int'l  
there sinc  
sued a co  
study.

Lt. Cori  
from Ger  
four mont  
result of t  
quiet of t  
fact note  
event al  
duty.

Georg  
presiden  
cause he  
perman

## CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

Numerous gratifying comments are received as to the mission that De Halve Maen is fulfilling in helping to perpetuate the history and tradition of the Dutch in New Amsterdam and also in bringing members of the Society closer together. An excellent way to aid is by sending in a contribution which will be welcome at any time.



## "HERE and THERE

## with MEMBERS"

**A. Lydecker**, vice-president from Essex has been made a vice-president of the Service Corp. of New Jersey in charge of operations.

**Hugh G. Bergen** was elected treasurer at the meeting of the Bar Association of Nassau Inc.

**Lieut. Philip Swart** of Westfield, N. J., is reported to be in the Pacific War area as the commander of two PT patrol boats which tackled a Japanese task force consisting of a battle cruiser and six destroyers. The enemy destroyer Kyashio was sunk by torpedoes and on the return trip base Jap planes were beaten off.

**William M. Collier** expects to spend the summer at Crawford House, Crawford Notch, New Hampshire. His nephew, John Sheldon Collier is a Lieutenant U.S.N.R. now in Moroccan ports.

**Alston Beekman** writes that the only member of his immediate family in active service is his Captain Alston Beekman, Jr. .

**Garet A. Denise** of Freehold, New Jersey, has been Area Chairman for Seven War Loans. His son and our member, John V. Denise, Captain, Combat Engineers, has received the Bronze and later, the Silver Medal for heroic action and was Military Governor of one of the towns captured in Germany.

**Captain Bailey Brower** advises that after two and three-quarter years of active duty he is now inactive. He served in Corps of Military Police, and Air Corps.

**Dr. Nathan B. Van Eten** was named chairman of the board and the executive committee at the first annual meeting of United Medical Service, Inc. on April 3.

**Harold O. Voorhis**, a trustee and former treasurer of the Society, has been named a vice-chancellor of New York University in addition to his duties as secretary.

**G. Payn Quackenbos** and Mrs. Quackenbos of Tuckahoe, N. Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Pinckney, to Ensign Owen C. T. Thomas, U.S.N.R.

**PFC. Mortimer B. Hopper, Jr.** writes from San Antonio, Texas, that he has been assigned to the Base Intelligence Office in the Air Corps stationed there since November, 1944. Previously he pursued a course in Japanese area and language study.

**Lt. Cornelius Christianity, Jr.**, writes in a letter from Germany that he is back with his outfit after four months in Belgian and English hospitals as a result of shrapnel wounds which he received on November 16. He remarks that the annual banquet of the Society occurred on the same day, a fact noted because he received the notice of the event along with other mail when he returned to duty.

**George D. Van Houten** has resigned as vice-president of the Society from Nassau county because he and Mrs. Van Houten plan to make their permanent winter residence in Florida, where their

address will be 700 South Olive Ave., West Palm Beach.

**David Van Zandt Borgert** has been elected mayor of New Paltz, which is additional to his post as county assistant engineer for Ulster and other duties.

**Pvt. Leigh K. Lydecker, Jr.** is now in the anti tank company of the 415th Infantry, which has been in active combat since landing in Normandy a year ago.

**G. Schenck Van Siclen**, a past vice-president and for thirty-six years a member of the Society, was given a toast at the St. Nicholas Society dinner on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. His grandson, Richard Van Siclen Lenk, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "heroic achievement under heavy bombardment" as member of a medical detachment.

**Peter Van Brunt**, recently released from a special assignment with the Navy, has been elected a vice-president of the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company in New York.

**Harrison Deyo** was re-elected to the Board of Managers of the Episcopal Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society at the annual convention in New York.

**William M. V. Hoffman** was renominated for a five-year term as a trustee of the Cathedral of St. John the divine at the Diocesan Convention.

**Col. John B. Ackerman** reports he is assigned to the Headquarters Continental Air Forces, Bolling Field, District of Columbia.

**Capt. Virgil DeWitt** of the Marine Corps writes from the Station Hospital, Camp Croft, S. C., that he is hoping for the time when he will be able to attend again one of the Ulster County get-togethers at Kingston where the punch has a greater kick even than aviation gasoline.

**Major William R. Bogert** is provost marshall and commanding officer of the military police detachment at the Cherry Point, N. C., Marine Corps Air Station. He expects a transfer to the Pacific area in August.

**H. Gail Davis** sends word from South Bend, Ind., that he is pursuing his hobby of mounting his collection of autographed letters and documents of Presidents and Vice-Presidents, Cabinet members, Signers and other famous folk.

**Cecil B. deMille**, his Hollywood public relations director reports, has formed the Political Freedom Foundation to further his campaign against the attempt to force payment of union assessment to the American Federation of Radio Artists for political purposes.

## SUMMER CLOSING

The Society headquarters at 90 West Street went on summer schedule June 1 and will be closed each Saturday until August 1, when it will be closed until September 1. The usual routine will be followed and receive the careful attention of Secretary Harold E. Ditmars.



# THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN NEW NETHERLAND

By Ottmar H. Van Norden

**April 1645.** The Assembly of XIX has recommended that the Patroons, colonists and other farmers be permitted to trade directly with the Brazils and to import as many negroes as can be purchased for cash, as these slaves do more work and are less expensive than the hired laborers engaged in Holland.

**April 1645.** Last year the churches of New Amsterdam and Fort Orange observed Thanksgiving Day after the custom of the New England Colonies.

**April 15, 1645.** Director Kieft, with the purpose of cementing our friendship with the Mohawks, has repaired to Fort Orange accompanied by Counsellor La Montagne where he will, with the help of the officers and authorities of Rensselaerswyck, negotiate a treaty with that powerful nation.

**April 1645.** The Assembly of XIX has recommended the establishment in New Amsterdam of a permanent military force to consist of a Commander, a Provost, one Ensign, two sergeants, three corporals, one to act as gunsmith, one drummer, four cadets, and forty soldiers or a total force of fifty three men. They also recommend that the colonists and their servants be required to provide themselves with fire arms so that the garrison may have reinforcements in case of need.

**May 1645.** The King of Sweden in his controversy with the States General of Holland over his occupation of the country around the South River (Philadelphia neighborhood) has laid claim to that area by right of purchase, preoccupation and lawful possession. Meanwhile the Swedish governor, Johan Printz has served notice on us that he will not allow any Dutch merchants to trade, or Dutch farmers to settle, on or about the South River. The situation is serious and may involve us in war for which we are ill prepared.

**May 1645.** The Jesuit priest, Father Jogues, wishes to return to America in spite of his tortures by the Mohawks three years ago. Pope Urban VIII, by a special dispensation, has restored to him the right to conduct Mass in spite of his mangled hands.

**May 1645.** Domine Megapolensis, pastor of the church at Rensselaerswyck, has so mastered the language of the Iroquois that he can now preach to the Mohawks in their own tongue.

**June 1645.** The Indian Sachems of Long Island complain that the Christians have so counterfeited their wampum and have produced such quantities of it that the value has fallen 50%.

**June 1645.** Director Kieft has returned from Fort Orange and has proudly announced the conclusion of treaties with the Mohawks and with the Mohegans who live to the eastward. To make the suitable presents however, which are required in all dealings with the savages, the Director was obliged to borrow the necessary money from Adriaen Van der Donck, Sheriff of Rensselaerswyck.

**June 1645.** Pieter Wolphertsen van Couwenhoven has been granted a ground-brief for a lot

for a house and garden on the northwest corner of Broad and Stone streets.

**June 10, 1645.** Rev. Francis Doughty has brought an action against Willem Gerritsen for singing a defamatory song about him and his daughter. Gerritsen plead guilty, and the court has sentenced him to stand, until the conclusion of the English (evening) sermon, bound to the Maypole in the fort with two rods around his neck and the libel over his head.

**June 20, 1645.** Jan Cornelissen from Hoorn, has received a ground-brief for a home and lot on the south side of Marketfield St.

**June 20, 1645.** A sentry standing guard outside the fence of the house of Jan Jansen Damen on the Great Highway (Broadway) challenged several of the commonalty which provoked a tumult during which Pierre Malenfant, a frenchman from Rheims, was wounded.

**June 1645.** The Patroon of Rensselaerswyck has formally notified Director Kieft that all of the land from Beeren Island to Moenemius Castle (on the Hudson below Albany) belongs to him by lawful purchase and convayance including the land on which Fort Orange stands and he has forbidden the soldiers of the fort to hunt, fish or cut wood and in consequence they are much embarrassed in securing food and fuel. Director Kieft has replied that the company has a right to erect forts at any points for the common defense and that they remain the property of the company.

**June 1645.** Van Courtland's brewery on Bridge street is now turning out more than a ton of beer a month.

## WHY 1675?

According to Article III, Section I of the Society's Constitution, the descendants of all these non-Dutch Colonists are eligible for membership in the Society, so it became important that the limits of the Dutch rule before 1675 should be accurately known and the question became acute when a candidate was proposed whose ancestors living in America before 1675 resided only in New England and Southampton, Long Island. The matter was referred to the Committee on Genealogy whose report to the Trustees can be found in the Board Minutes for March 9-1939 wherein they recite the success of the Dutch regime of 1673-5 in making effective the authority of Governor Colvé in all of Long Island except in the three Colonies of Southold, Southampton and East Hampton, as told in the earlier part of this article, and that as a consequence the applicant under consideration was not eligible for election to membership, and recommended that the Trustees adopt a ruling that future cases should be decided in the same manner, which decision the Trustees confirmed by unanimous vote.

It is to be noted that this decision does not exclude descendants from residents of the three places who before 1675 migrated to places where the Dutch control was recognized.

Charles Holland died at h  
wood, N. slight-  
the son o  
He was es-  
cuse. H  
Helen C.  
in A sec  
in the fir  
Newton i  
present w

SC  
Schuyl  
at The Hc  
ber 1919  
March 24  
Elizabeth  
elitte Ste  
Pingry Sc  
World W  
Lords of  
Club. Tv  
Vechten,

John H  
Society c  
April 11,  
Sharon F  
of Harry  
survived  
er. Harry  
Society.

CH.  
Rev. C  
the Socie  
Conn., or  
1866 at V  
Snedeker  
was a  
who cam

ALB  
Albert  
member  
April 13,  
at 1655 C  
tion of B  
age. He  
ety for K  
was born  
April 20,  
hees an  
endant  
came to  
tended  
studied r  
law. He  
Mayor F  
judge in  
ments in



# IN MEMORIAM

## CHARLES NEWTON SCHENCK

Charles Newton Schenck, a member of The Holland Society of New York since March, 1929, died at his home, 100 East Palisade ave., Englewood, N. J., on March 13, 1945, at the age of eighty-seven years. He was born in Brooklyn, the son of Oscar Schenck and Amelia Ann Brett. He was a retired manager of the Robert Goeltz studio. He is survived by his widow, the former Helen C. Lockwood and a son, Charles Schenck. A second son, Gordon L. Schenck, was killed in the first World War and his grandson, Charles Newton Schenck, III, is missing in action in the present war.

## SCHUYLER L. VAN VECHTEN

Schuyler Livingston Van Vechten, a member of The Holland Society of New York, since December, 1919, died in City Hospital, Newark, N. J., on March 24, 1945. He was born January 21, 1896, at Elizabeth, the son of Arthur Van Vechten and Harriet Stevens Clarkson. He was a graduate of Avery School and served in the Navy in the first World War. He was a member of the Colonial Lads of the Manor and the Bayhead, N. J., Yacht Club. Two brothers, Arthur L. and Eugene Van Vechten, both of Elizabeth, survive.

## JOHN HINKLE OPDYKE

John Hinkle Opdyke, who joined The Holland Society of New York in December, 1934, died on April 11, 1945, at Merion, Pa. He was born in Sharon Hill, Pa., on November 15, 1900, the son of Harry Stewart Opdyke and Adele Bard. He is survived by his widow, two children and a brother, Harry P. Opdyke, who is a member of this Society.

## CHARLES STERLING WYCKOFF

Rev. Charles Sterling Wyckoff, a member of the Society since January, 1909, died at Plainville, Conn., on April 12, 1945. He was born March 20, 1866 at West Troy, N. Y. He was the son of Jacob Snedeker Wyckoff and Sarah Hays Forman. He was a descendant of Pieter Claesens Wyckoff, who came to America from Holland in 1636.

## ALBERT VAN BRUNT VOORHEES

Albert Van Brunt Voorhees, who became a member of the Society in March, 1898, died on April 13, 1945, at Harbour Hospital near his home at 1655 Cropsey avenue, in the New Utrecht section of Brooklyn. He was seventy-three years of age. He had served as Vice-President of the Society for Kings County in 1911-12 and 1915-19. He was born in the old town of New Utrecht, L. I., on April 20, 1871, the son of Albert Van Brunt Voorhees and Joanna Couwenhoven. He was a descendant of Steven Coerte Van Voorhees who came to this country from Holland in 1660. He attended old Polytechnic Preparatory School, studied pharmacy for three years and then studied law. He was appointed a city magistrate by Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck and served as a judge in Special Sessions in 1910, with reappointments in 1920 and 1930.

## JOHN MUNRO WOOLSEY

John Munro Woolsey, a member of The Holland Society of New York since June, 1932, died May 4 at his home, 131 East Sixty-sixth Street, New York City. He was born in Aiken, South Carolina, January 3, 1877, the son of William Walton Woolsey and Catherine Buckingham Convers. He was a descendant of George Woolsey who came out to America about 1647. He attended private schools in Englewood, New Jersey and Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and graduated from Yale in the class of 1898. He was in the class of 1901 at Columbia Law School. He was appointed a Federal Judge by President Herbert C. Hoover in 1929. His widow and a son, John Munro Woolsey, Jr., survive him. His legal career was an intensely brilliant one and he was especially noted for his wise decisions in actions involving literary matters. The men of Judge Woolsey's family have attended Yale in an unbroken line since the year 1709. He was a member of the University, Downtown, Century and Grolier Clubs of New York, the Union Club of Boston, Mass. and the American Antiquarian and Walpole Societies of New York. He was especially noted for the high literary quality of his decisions.

## HARRY HOWE BOGERT

Reverend Harry Howe Bogert, a member of the Holland Society of New York since March 14, 1918, died at his home in Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., April 20, 1945. He was the son of Theodore Peacock Bogert and Eliza Turner Howe Bogert. He was born at Bristol, Rhode Island, April 19, 1865. He had been Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Burnt Hills, New York, and at the time of his retirement from the Ministry was Rector of Christ Episcopal Church at La Plata, Maryland. In May, 1944, he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination. His wife, four daughters and a son, Harry Howe Bogert, Jr., survive him.

## FRANCIS I. VANDER BEEK

Francis Isaac Vander Beek, a member of the Holland Society of New York since March 31, 1892, died at the Hotel Astor, Times Square, New York City, Wednesday, May 30, 1945. He was born in Jersey City, N. J., February 12, 1870, the son of Francis Isaac Vander Beek and Louise McMunn. He was married to Rebecca Mackenzie. He is survived by two sons, Francis Isaac Vander Beek, Jr., and Gordon Mackenzie Vander Beek, both former members of our Society. Mr. Vander Beek was a Trustee from 1909 to April, 1937. He was Vice President for New York County from 1931 through 1933. In July, 1888, when he was too young to be eligible for membership, he accompanied his father upon the famous trip of Society members to the Netherlands. His grandfather, Isaac I. Vander Beek, and his father, Francis I. Vander Beek were active members of the Society. When Edwin H. Updike, the President of the Society died July 9, 1933, Mr. Vander Beek became Acting President and served in this capacity until Octo-

(Continued on Page 8)



ber, 1933, when at his urgent request, Hon. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., the Treasurer, was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Updike. Mr. Vander Beek was at one time President of the Vander Beek Lumber Company, of Jersey City. He retired from active business about thirty years ago. Masonic Services for him were held at the Universal Chapel, Lexington Ave., at 52nd St., N. Y. C.

### SOLOMON LEFEVRE

Salomon Lefevre, for many years a consulting engineer, died June 7, 1945, at his home in Forest Glen, near New Paltz, Ulster County, at the age of eighty-three years. He joined The Holland Society of New York in 1927. A son of Abraham and Margaret DuBois Lefevre, he was descended from early Ulster County settlers. Mr. Lefevre was graduated from Rutgers University in 1882 and at one time was associated with the Hudson River Ore & Iron Company. He later was an assistant with the State Land Survey and retired to his farm several years ago. He leaves two sons, Philip and Louis D. Lefevre.

### CURTIS POILLON

Lieutenant Curtis Poillon, twenty-two years, son of Colonel Arthur Poillon, U.S.A. retired and Mrs. Poillon of Lawrenceville, N. J. was killed in action May 7 on Luzon in the Philippines. He joined The Holland Society of New York in 1942 while a freshman at Princeton and a year later left college to enlist in the army. In the Pacific area since April, 1944, he received the Bronze Star for giving first aid to a soldier despite enemy fire. Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, P.F.C. A. Jacques Poillon, now in Marine Officers Training School at Quantico, Va.

### FRANK PERKINS STRYKER

Captain Frank Perkins Stryker, a member of the Society since October, 1943, was killed in action April 14, 1945, while serving as commander of the headquarters company for the 41st Armored Regiment of the First Army in Germany. He had been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service while in action in France during August, 1944. The son of Julius B. B. and Mary Gertrude Higgins Stryker, he was born in Lansdale, Pa., on July 4, 1915.

### Communion Cup

The Holland Society of New York has become the proud possessor of the old pewter communion cup, dated 1708, of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bushwick, Long Island which belonged to Isaac C. De Bevoise by inheritance, whose ancestor, Carolus De Beuvouis, was the first schoolmaster on Long Island.

In addition to the date the cup bears the following motto: "Drink wat klær is; spreck wat waer is; eet wat gaer is," which translated literally is: "Drink what is pure; speak what is true; eat what is well prepared".

The gift was received from our member, Major Cornelius Schenck De Bevoise, who wrote that his father, Isaac C. De Bevoise, while a member, had given the cup to the Society on the occasion of the

Third Annual Dinner of The Holland Society at the Hotel Brunswick, New York City, on January 10, 1888. "This cup," he stated, "you were to have when you had a place to keep it. My father did not live to see you get such a place so now I am sending it to the Society as he wished." An account of the original presentation of the cup appears in The Holland Society Year Book of 1887-88, page 51.

### Collegiate Church

The Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of New York is the oldest Protestant church in America with a continuous organization now numbering five edifices and several chapels, its record in the sixty-sixth issue of its year book.

The church was fully organized in New Amsterdam in 1628, only nine years after forming of the mother church in Holland. Its first minister was Jonas Michaelius and Peter Minuet was one of the elders.

Serving the church in common with its ministers are colleagues. Hence arose the familiar name, the Collegiate Church. The churches and their ministers are: St. Nicholas, Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street, the Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo; Marble, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street, the Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale; West End, the Rev. Dr. Edgar Franklin Romig, who also has the title of 'Senior Minister'; Middle Second Avenue and Seventh Street, the Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen; Fort Washington, West 181st Street and Fort Washington Avenue, the Rev. Dr. Henry A. Vruwink.

### On Our Book Shelf

From Mrs. Gertrude A. Barber: *Marriages Taken from the New York Evening Post, 1829-1833; marriage records, 1813-1850*, from Amity Presbyterian Church, Orange County, N. Y. and four volumes of *Orange County Graveyard Inscriptions, indexed*.

From Arthur J. Goff: *Copies of records of the Ackerman, Blauvelt, Terhune, Turse, Westervelt and Zabriskie families taken from family Bibles*.

From Lithuanian American Information Center: *Ghiliebert de Lancrey in Medieval Lithuania. Voyages and Embassies of an Ancestor of one of America's Great Presidents*. By Petras Klimas (1945).

From John C. Lowe: *Photostat of a letter dated May 22-1782 of George Washington to Col. Lewis Nicola, and copy of 1940 Banquet Menu of Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York containing a copy of a painting of Washington dictating the letter to his Secretary, Jonathan Trumbull, Jr.*

From Miss Elsie B. McGrath: *Hendrick Rycken, the Procurator of the Suydam Family in America (1663). A Monograph by Rev. J. Howard Suydam, D.D. (1898)*.

From Charles A. Mead: *Geological Survey of New Jersey. Relief Map of New Jersey, 1896. John C. Smock, State Geologist; C. C. Verneuil, Topographer*.

From Arthur C. Quick: *A Genealogical Record of Durham and Related Families who settled early in Somerset-Hunterdon Counties, N. J. Compiled 1944 by Herbert E. Durham, Somerville, N. J.*

From Rome Historical Society: *Fort Stanwix and Oriskany by John Albert Scott (1927)*.

From St. George's Society of New York: *Annual Report 1945*.

From Homer Staley: *The Knickerbocker Genealogical Chart drawn by Edmund Knickerbocker in his seventy-third year, 1887*.

From John C. Trapagen: *The Streets of New York - An Historical Picture Book by Gardner Osborn. Bank of New York, 48 Wall Street, N. Y. C.*



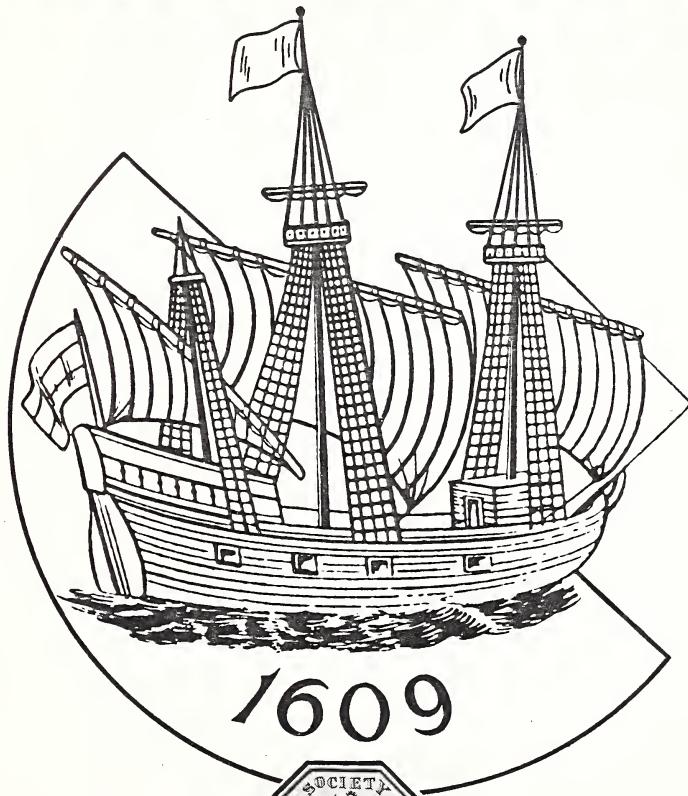
---

Organized in 1885 "to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, to foster and promote the principles of Dutch ancestors, and to provide for their descendants opportunities for social intercourse"; composed of descendants in the direct male line from residents of the Dutch Colonies in America before 1675.

---



de  
**Halve Maen**



*The*  
**HOLLAND SOCIETY**  
VOL. XX • No. 4



*of* NEW YORK  
OCTOBER, 1945



# The Holland Society of New York

90 WEST STREET, NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

*President:*  
Col. Leigh K. Lydecker

*Vice-Presidents:*

<i>New York County</i>	<i>Frank H. Vedder</i>
<i>Kings County</i>	<i>A. Lloyd Lott</i>
<i>Queens County</i>	<i>Howard D. Springsteen</i>
<i>Suffolk County</i>	<i>Ferdinand L. Wyckoff</i>
<i>Nassau County</i>	<i>Robert L. Bergen</i>
<i>Westchester County</i>	<i>Irving B. Lydecker</i>
<i>Dutchess County</i>	<i>John H. Dingman, M.D.</i>
<i>Ulster County</i>	<i>J. E. Hasbrouck, Jr.</i>
<i>Albany County</i>	<i>C. Reeve Vanneman</i>
<i>Schenectady County</i>	<i>William V. B. Van Dyck</i>
<i>Bergen County, N. J.</i>	<i>Theodore Van Winkle</i>
<i>Essex County, N. J.</i>	<i>Frederick A. Lydecker</i>
<i>Passaic County, N. J.</i>	<i>Dr. Robert J. De Groat</i>
<i>Union County, N. J.</i>	<i>Frederick C. Hyer</i>
<i>Middlesex County, N. J.</i>	<i>Ernest H. Rapalje</i>
<i>Monmouth County, N. J.</i>	<i>Harold V. B. Voorhies</i>
<i>Mercer County, N. J.</i>	<i>Raymond B. Voorhees</i>
<i>New England</i>	<i>Dr. George S. Van Riper</i>
<i>The South</i>	<i>Kingsland Van Winkle</i>
<i>Pacific Coast</i>	<i>Ozé Van Wyck</i>
<i>United States Army</i>	<i>Col. Arthur Poillon</i>
<i>United States Navy</i>	<i>Capt. J. E. Ostrander, Jr.</i>

*Treasurer:*  
Rufus Van Aken

*Secretary:*  
Harold E. Ditmars

*Domine:*  
Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Paien

*Trustees:*

Hon. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. (1947)	Arthur R. Wendell (1947)
Frederick I. Bergen (1946)	William T. Van Atten (1948)
Seth Toby Cole (1948)	Harold O. Voorhies (1949)
Joseph E. Hasbrouck, Jr. (1946)	John de C. Van Etten (1949)
Franklyn Hogeboom (1947)	Walter H. Van Hoesen (1946)
Kiliaen Van Rensselaer (1949)	Ottomar H. Van Norden (1949)
Walter M. Mecerole (1947)	Hon. Geo. S. Van Schaick (1948)
Franklyn J. Poucher (1948)	Charles A. Van Winkle (1949)
Henry R. Suphen (1948)	William Van Wyck (1947)
Wilfred B. Talman (1946)	Frank H. Vedder (1946)

*Editor:*  
Walter H. Van Hoesen

*Editorial Committee:*

Ottomar H. Van Norden, Vice-Chairman	Howard Osterhout
Richard H. Amerman	Franklyn J. Poucher
Hevlyn Dirck Benson	Wilfred B. Talman
John A. Bogart	Thomas E. Van Winkle
H. Gail Davis	Stryker Williamson
Albert E. Oliver	

NEW YORK C

The sixty-f  
Society of N  
evening, No  
Waldorf Ast  
a victory  
clusion of th  
early 200  
military serv  
the memory  
supreme say

The Distin  
accomplishme  
sent to Pr  
Holland, na  
Wilhelmina  
literature at  
will be intro  
President L

FLUS

The thre  
ing of the  
ments in  
October 7  
by dedic  
1661, as a  
of religiou

When  
William I  
10, 1645,  
College  
Auburnd  
Belle Ro  
participa  
were pla  
in three

The ce  
to Amer  
toleranc  
Governor  
Quaker  
and sen





ORK CITY

OCTOBER, 1945

## VICTORY BANQUET PLANS

xy-first annual banquet of the Holland of New York will be held on Thursday Nov. 15, on the Starlight Roof of the Astoria Hotel. It will be in the nature of a victory dinner to observe successful conclusion of the war enabling early return of the 00 members who have been on active service and also an opportunity to honor memory of those members who made the sacrifice.

istinguished Achievement Medal for achievement in the field of letters will be presented. Professor Adriaan J. Barnouw, native of naturalized American citizen and Queen's professor of Dutch language and literature at Columbia University since 1921. He is introduced by Trustee Harold O. Voorhies. Leigh K. Lydecker will be toastmaster.

and Dr. Alexander Loudon, Ambassador to the United States from the Netherlands, will extend greetings from his native country.

The banquet will be the first social gathering of the Society since the conclusion of hostilities and it will mark the return of events which had been discontinued for the duration. The arrangements committee under chairmanship of Trustee William T. Van Atten is making every effort to have the gathering an unusual success and members will be given an opportunity to exchange greetings at a cocktail and social hour to precede entry into ball room.

Other genealogical and patriotic societies have been invited to be represented on the dais. The closing date for receiving seating list reservations has been set at November 9.

## SHING, L. I. OBSERVES TERCENTENARY

ee hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Town of Flushing as one of the settle- New Amsterdam was observed from to 14, with a program of events climaxed at the Bowne House, dating from a museum of local history and a shrine to freedom.

Flushing was chartered by Governor Kieft and received a patent on October 16, 1645. It included the sections later known as Point, Whitestone, Malba, Beechhurst, Bayside, Douglaston, Little Neck and Flushing. Residents from all those sections participated in the celebration, suitable markers placed and a tercentenary seal of Flushing Flushing was issued.

eboration stressed Flushing's contribution to history as a champion of religious freedom because of John Bowne's defiance of Peter Stuyvesant's order against holding meetings at his home. Bowne was arrested and sent to Holland for trial, but he was exonerated.

ated and returned to New Amsterdam and Flushing became a haven for the persecuted. The Quakers continued to meet in his house until 1694, when they erected the first Friends meeting house in America outside of Penn's colony.

Fittingly the celebration began with Tercentenary Sabbath on October 7, with special services in the churches. In the afternoon representatives of various organizations and civic groups, including The Holland Society of New York, gathered at the Bowne House, at Bowne street and Fox Lane. Mayor LaGuardia, during a radio broadcast from the house, announced plans for a public park to embrace adjoining property. On the following evening a concert was given in Flushing High School by choral and orchestral groups.

A thirty-five mile tour of historic buildings and sites in the communities which made up the old Town of Flushing, which became the Third Ward of the Borough of Queens upon its consolidation as part of the City of New York in 1898, was held on Tuesday, October 9. The same evening a

Continued on Page Eight



## Essex Branch Dines

The annual dinner of the Essex County branch of The Holland Society of New York was held in the Barracuda Room of the Military Park Hotel, on Thursday night, Sep. 20, with officers of the Society present and other branches represented.

A social hour during cocktails preceded the dinner, with Fred A. Lydecker, president of the branch, presiding. He called upon President Leigh K. Lydecker, who spoke ably on what the Society stands for. Past President Arthur R. Wendell referred to our responsibility in meeting present day world problems. Past President Walter M. Miserole told how the Dutch got into Essex County in searching for the best suburban homes and Past President Ottmar H. Van Norden called for aid in enrolling new members. Treasurer Rufus Cole Van Aken reported a sound financial condition for the Society.

A feature of the evening was the showing of a technicolor motion picture on "The Bell Helicopter."

Members of the Essex branch and guests gathered at the home of Vice-President Frederick A. Lydecker in Glen Ridge, N. J., on the evening of June 26. Mr. Lydecker was reelected and Louis L. Blauvelt was renamed secretary. A general discussion of historical and genealogical topics took place and Mrs. Lydecker was hostess at a collation which concluded the evening.

## Trustees' Meeting

Arthur R. Wendell, former president and treasurer of the Society, was elected to the board of trustees at the quarterly meeting Thursday evening, October 11, in the Metropolitan Club. The seating of Mr. Wendell, who resigned several years ago owing to the pressure of business, was made possible by the resignation of Rufus Cole Van Aken, who is at present treasurer of the Society and his name was proposed by Trustee Walter Miserole.

Trustee Francklyn Hoogeboom reported for the committee on genealogy to recommend nineteen candidates for membership and they were unanimously approved. The total of members now reaches 900 for the first time in more than a decade. Trustee Walter H. Van Hoesen, as editor, reported increasing interest in *De Halve Maen* as evidenced by letters received from members and pointed to the publication's importance in carrying out the Society's aims by preserving traditions of the past and recording present activities for the future.

The report of Trustee William T. Van Atten gave details of final plans for the annual banquet to be held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on November 15. Trustee Frederick I. Bergen, chairman of the committee on meetings, inquired as to sentiment for a January gathering of the Society and it was decided to postpone discussion until December's board session. Trustee Walter Miserole reported on several important additions to the library at Society headquarters.

The financial affairs of the Society were reported

Continued on Page Eight

## Dutchess Dinner

The fifty-sixth annual dinner of the Dutchess County Branch of The Holland Society of New York was held on Wednesday evening, October 11, at the Nelson House in Poughkeepsie on the anniversary of the raising of the siege of Leyden. It was directed by Dr. John H. Dingman, vice-president for Dutchess County and Trustee Franklin J. Poucher, son of Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, originator of the famous "Poucher's Punch" which for another year was served during the social hour when those present renewed old friendships.

Sixty-two members and guests sat down to the excellent repast, the outstanding feature of which was the "Hutspot" prepared and served under direction of Messers Dingman and Poucher. After dinner a brief business meeting was held and branch officers re-elected for another term. Dr. Dingman presided and Trustee Poucher was toastmaster.

President Leigh K. Lydecker of the Society spoke as did Trustee Walter M. Miserole. Messages of regret were received from Trustees Ottmar H. Van Norden, Walter H. Van Hoesen and William T. Van Atten who were unable to attend. Federal Judge Edward Conger addressed the meeting and brief remarks were made by Secretary Harold Ditmars, followed by Trustee Joseph E. Hasbrouck, who attended with a delegation from the Ulster County Branch. Treasurer and Trustee Rufus Cole Van Aken spoke on the Burgher Guard, the financial condition of the Society, urged support for the annual banquet and explained the seniority numbering of members in the handbook.

An interesting talk was given by Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, who has attended every one of the Dutchess branch's fifty-six dinners. His remarks were cordially received by the gathering.

The Burgher Guard was presented by Harrison Duvo, Richard H. Amerman and George B. Schoonmaker. The Crispell family was well represented and several members of the armed forces were present. The gathering adjourned at 10:30 o'clock to permit New York and other out-of-town guests to make travel connections.

## New Members

The Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership October 11, 1945 by the Trustees:

STAATS GRIFFING AMERMAN, Fire Ins., Maplewood, N. J.  
REGINALD TILGHMAN BLAUVELT, JR., West Orange, N. J.  
CHARLES BUNNER BOGART, JR., North Plainfield, N. J.  
LOUIS DU BOIS, Asbury Park, N. J.  
JAY ABRAHAM LE FEVRE, New Paltz, N. Y.  
REMSSEN BEESON OSTRANDER, Rockville Centre, N. Y.  
GEORGE STONEY SPRINGSTEEN, JR., Forest Hills, N. Y.  
JOHN LEEDS STOUTENBURGH, JR., New York City  
MICHAEL MURRAY VAN BEUREN, Newport, R. I.  
WILLARD KREAMER VAN DUZOR, Vicksburg, Miss.  
PIERRE VAN DYCK, Highland Park, N. J.  
DONALD SCOTT VAN NOSTRAND, Forest Hills, N. Y.  
EDGAR LYLE VAN NUIS, New Brunswick, N. J.  
FREDERIC SPRINGER VAN VOORHIS, Saugerties, N. Y.  
HAROLD VAN VOORHIS, Saugerties, N. Y.  
LEE NELSON VEDDER, Fultonville, N. Y.  
DANIEL WINANT, JR., Cleveland, Ohio  
JOHN MUNRO WOOLSEY, JR., New York City



# HUGUENOT STREET IN NEW PALTZ

By Walter H. Van Hoesen

New Paltz, ancient stronghold of the Huguenots, lying in the Wallkill Valley a scant ten miles from the Hudson River will see little at first sight to set it apart from any other community. You arrive at the town's center, however, and get a glimpse of the splendid old white stone house that is now the Public Library. It is a marker directing them to the street which bears the name Huguenot and where stand the original founders.

A short distance on down the hill and across a road tracks to the edge of the river meadow there will find the single thoroughfare built in 1678 by Colonel Louis DuBois and his men. As though according to plan the growth of New Paltz during more than two and a half centuries has been at a distance so as to leave the unchanged for succeeding generations. As the road turns into Huguenot Street is the Hasbrouck house. Built characteristically of its general lines are those of the story and a half cottage, standing broadside to the street. The most surprising thing about the structure, apart from the irregularity of its angles, is the tremendous sweep and size of the roof. It was erected in 1712 and is now the home of the Huguenot Patriotic and Monumental Society. On a easy plot in front of the house is an ivy-covered plaque in honor of the town's founders and a marker reciting its history.

Jean Hasbrouck was one of the eleven original patentees to found the new town. Those hardy men arrived in three carts to find peace almost in the heart of the old Dutch country and thirty years after the first log huts were replaced by the houses which stand to this day. Some of the houses have been enlarged or otherwise improved, but all have kept their aspect of dignity, simplicity and strength.

Under the eaves of the Jean Hasbrouck house there is plenty of room for storage against the deeply sloping rafters. On many occasions in the early days stores for the inhabitants were kept here according to tradition.

Next we come to the home of Louis Hasbrouck. He died before the date of its building which was

1705, attested to by the iron figures on the gable end toward the street. It was intended as a place of refuge in the event of attack, but such shelter was never required and no shot was fired in defense from the blinking portholes, because the settlers got along peacefully with the Indians. Instead the house was a gathering place for all the numerous Hasbrouck clan particularly on winter Sundays before they entered the cold unheated church for worship.

Across the street is the Elting house. Built either by Louis Bevier, one of the patentees, or his son Samuel, it passed about 1740 into the hands of Captain Josiah Elting, the most prominent man of Dutch ancestry in the community of those days. During the Revolution Roelijf J. Elting ran a store in the building as a rival to the Hasbrouck establishment. Under the cellar in the Elting house may still be found the old sub-cellars where it was the custom to keep liquor safe from thieving slaves.

The Abraham Hasbrouck house stands a bit north of the Elting homestead across the street from the present church. It was this Abraham who was grandfather of Colonel Jonathan Jonathan Hasbrouck, builder of the house at Newburgh used by Washington as his headquarters in the Revolution and about which I wrote in the April issue of *De Halve Maen*. The next house to the north was built by Hugo Freer, the patentee. This completes the listing of the old houses still standing on Huguenot Street. There is no trace of the first little stone church, squared with a steep roof, nor of some of the other structures which were erected at one time or another down through the years.

The settlers of New Paltz had their own customs, system of land tenure and legal administration. They were practically an independent self-governing body and they were so respected until 1785, when the town was incorporated under the State government. In some respects early New Paltz was a little independent democracy. The governing body was the Dusine or the Twelve Men—a parish council consisting of the heads of the twelve founding families. The men were chosen annually at a town meeting and they had power to act in all ordinary local affairs.

## Society Statistics

Nearly half, or 436, of the 878 members listed in the 1945 handbook of the Society are residents of New York State and New Jersey is second with 141. The others are scattered over forty states from 14 in Massachusetts to 16 in California and there are two in foreign countries.

More than sixty years have passed since the Society was organized in 1885 and yet there is a member of the first year. He is Arthur H. van Brunt, former treasurer and president. Others on the list of members of more than fifty years, in order of seniority, are:

John Kuckerbacker  
Frank B. Smith

William Van Wyck  
Albert Van Wyck

John Bright Stevens  
Thomas I. Van Antwerp  
Cornelius C. Vermeule  
J. Wilson Poucher  
Walter M. Miserole  
David S. Jacobus  
Charles S. Van Syckel

Marshall Van Winkle  
Henry F. Quackenbos  
Adrian Augustus Hegeman  
George Debevoise  
John Hays Myers  
Edgar A. Vander Veer

## COMING EVENTS

The Ulster County Branch of The Holland Society of New York will hold a dinner at the Hotel Governor Clinton at Kingston on the night of December 8. The Union County Branch will resume its annual picnics at Echo Lake Park, Cranford, N. J., next June 21.



## "HERE and THERE

## with MEMBERS"

**Dr. Edgar A. Vander Veer**, Albany surgeon, has been named a member of the Medical Board of the New York State Employees Retirement System. He is one of the founders of the American College of Surgeons and serves on the staffs of all three hospitals in his home city.

**Lt. John K. Lydecker** has received a discharge from the Army Air Corps after a furlough which followed a seven month tour of service as pilot of a bomber with the 15th Air Force in Italy. He has the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

**Wilson Britten** was one of six members of the 94th Division stationed in France who were assigned this summer to take an intensified eight-week course in French at Sorbonne University, in Paris. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Britten, spent the vacation season at Buck Hill, Pa.

**Dr. Irving Wilson Voorhees** has been appointed assistant professor of Otolaryngology at Columbia University and instructor of medical students in the Vanderbilt Clinic.

**Reynier J. Wortendyke, Sr.**, past president of the Society, was the guest of honor at a dinner in Newark on June 15 in observance of his sixtieth year as a member of the New Jersey bar. His son and law associate, Reynier J. Wortendyke, Jr., was host and prominent members of the State judiciary were among the guests. The toastmaster was Judge Henry Ackerson of the New Jersey Circuit Court, also a former president and Col. Leigh K. Lydecker, who is now president of the Society, attended.

**William Van Wyck**, past president of the Society, spent a part of the summer touring the Hudson River Valley accompanied by Mrs. Van Wyck. Press clippings which have reached the editor's desk disclose that he lunched at Albany with Dr. Frank Pierpont Graves, recipient of the Society's distinguished achievement medal and former New York State Commissioner of Education. He also spent a week as the guest of Trustee Seth Toby Cole and Mrs. Cole of Catskill.

**Harold O. Voorhis**, trustee and former treasurer of the Society, who is vice-chancellor and secretary of New York University, was honored as recipient of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at Founders' Day exercises at Colgate University on September 24. He is a graduate of the institution.

**George S. Van Schaick**, also a trustee of the Society and former New York State Insurance Commissioner, will lecture on housing problems in the real estate course during the fall semester of the Practising Law Institute in this city.

**Major Daniel E. Westervelt**, AUS, and Miss Phyllis E. Bauer, both of Tenafly, N. J., were married on September 18 in the chapel of the Fifth avenue Presbyterian Church, this city. Major Westervelt, who returned recently after more than three years in the Pacific war area, is a graduate of Culver Military Academy and Cornell School of Engineering.

**Captain William H. Vanderbilt**, USNR, and Mrs. Vanderbilt of Newport, R. I. and Williamstown, Mass., are parents of a son born at House of Mercy Hospital, Pittsfield, Mass., on September 14. Captain Vanderbilt is a former State Senator and Governor of Rhode Island.

**Major James A. Roosa**, West Point Class '39, has been serving as executive officer of the 3rd Signal Battalion on Okanawa in the Pacific.

**Lewis Sebring, Jr.**, has been handling Pacific War news on the Herald Tribune cable desk since returning from that theater, where he was a correspondent for more than two years and he is planning travel assignments to far places as conditions will permit.

**Lieutenant Frank B. Vanderbeek** returned from service in Alaska late in June and has been on an assignment in New York.

**Lieutenant Nicholas V. Van Ness** reports from Guam that in the last five months of the war with Japan he flew twenty-three missions in a B-29 and hopes to return home soon.

**Major General George L. Van Deusen**, USA, as chief of engineering and technical research for the Army Signal Corps, has been in charge of research and development of radar and communication equipment for all the ground forces, with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

**Donald Schermerhorn** has concluded three years in the office of the New York district postal censor under the Office of Censorship.

**Howard D. Springsteen** has been re-elected president of the board of directors of The General Synod, Reformed Church in America.

**Donald K. Vanneman** is serving as director of the real estate review division, Surplus Property Board, Washington, D. C., to aid in disposal of property acquired for the Government during the war. His son, Private Donald K. Vanneman, Jr., also a member, is assigned to the ASTP at New York University.

**Corporal Wilson W. Van Duzer** is home after more than two years in the European war theater and wears five campaign stars for military service.

**William V. Van Benschoten** has been continuing to search for minerals. He reports two sons, also members, are on active duty with the navy. Lieutenant William H. is with the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington and Seaman Richard J. is stationed at Gulfport, Miss.

**Rev. George E. Vanderpoel**, after serving for nine months as chaplain in the San Diego Naval Hospital, is now with the Seabees in Hawaii.

**Rufus Cole Van Aken**, treasurer of the Society, combined business with pleasure on a trip across country to California and back during the summer, but conditions were such that he is not recommending travels to his friends.

The shot  
ed greatly  
was entire  
code stret  
afforded p  
chans who  
have come  
three hun  
surface is

The maj  
rator gen  
is in the  
cent idea  
to pass H  
place of s  
called for t  
The wat  
stretched  
now Willic  
street at  
Street wh  
Northward  
followed C  
the open c

On the  
streets are  
Old Slip, C  
extensions  
Battery Po  
nearly to S  
where the  
shore Wa  
opened a  
rds and Re

Even in  
the fort w  
word stret  
foot of Brd  
change Plc  
Beaver stre  
a lateral c  
the west a  
had not b  
Accordin

BU

Althoug  
have not  
time und  
Aken. A 1  
Day servic  
Building, V  
ember 17  
William V  
New York  
tion, to wi

A delega  
Society fo  
avenue an  
Church on



# MANHATTAN ISLAND'S

# CHANGING SHORELINE

shoreline of Manhattan Island has expanded greatly since the days when New Amsterdam was entirely south of Wall street, where a barrier stretching from the North to the East Rivers provided protection against sudden attack by Indians who roamed the rest of the area. Changes have come gradually with passing of more than a hundred years until today the actual ground area is estimated to have doubled.

The map prepared by Jacques Cortelyou, surveyor general of New Amsterdam, showing all in the early days of the settlement gives an excellent idea of the developments which have come to pass. He depicted the colony as a compact little place of several hundred steep-roofed houses located for the most part east of Broadway.

The waterfront on the east began at Pearl street, stretching south past Hanover Square, at what is

now William street, to Broad street and Whitehall street, at which point there was a jog to State street, which curved around toward the west. Northward along the Hudson River the shoreline allowed Greenwich street up to Wall street and the open country beyond.

On the eastern shore Water, Front and South streets are all filled in ground, along with all of Old Slip, Coenties Slip and Moore street and the extensions of Wall and Broad streets. Most of Battery Park was under water which reached nearly to State street and the walls of the old fort where the Custom House now stands. On the west shore Washington and West streets have been opened along with the cross thoroughfares of Morris and Rector streets.

Even in those days the open space in front of the fort was known as Bowling Green and northward stretched Broadway. A canal started at the foot of Broad street and extended almost to Exchange Place, with crossovers at Bridge, Stone and Beaver streets. It was known as Heere Graught and a lateral canal, known as Bevers Graught, ran to the west along Beaver street to New Street, which had not been laid out.

According to early descriptions the shore on the

East River was a gradual sandy slope. The southerly side of the present State Street was blocked by huge scattered rocks while the western shore along Greenwich street was at the foot of a steep bluff which extended back toward Broadway.

A high picket wall ran along the northerly side of Wall street, from which that thoroughfare got its name. Designed to protect the settlement on the one land side from the Indians and possible English attack, it had six stone bastions on which canon were mounted. On an artificial promontory just south of Bowling Green, at the far end of Broadway from the wall, stood the stone faced Fort Amsterdam, constructed in 1635 at a cost of \$1,665 and mounted with twelve cannon.

The inhabitants of New Amsterdam were of mixed nationality, with the Dutch largely predominating. Many lived on the island and operated farms north of the wall, in Brooklyn or New Jersey. In 1629 schools were established and many of the men were university graduates in Holland. On the other hand misdemeanors were frequent and it was found necessary to regulate the liquor traffic.

Among other problems were housing and sanitation. Streets were mostly unpaved, with the exception of Brouwer (Stone) street from Whitehall to Broad streets, which was surfaced with stone blocks and used by farmers to bring produce from their boats in the canal.

There were shops, stores and taverns in early New Amsterdam. The taverns were of considerable importance in community life where family parties, dances, festivals and banquets were held. Even on Sundays, it was only during religious worship that business and amusements were forbidden. Services were held in the forts as a precaution against sudden attack.

The officers included the governor, the Town Schout, two burgomasters and five schepens. Meetings were held on Monday mornings in the City Hall (Stadt Huys) at 73 Pearl street. The government of those days has never been dissolved and is the nucleus of the city administration which still continues.

## BURGHER GUARD ACTIVE

Although many of the Burgher Guard members have not returned from the wars, activities continue under able leadership of Rufus Cole Van Aken. A large group turned out for Constitution Day services on the steps of the old Sub-Treasury Building, Wall and Broad streets, at noon on September 17 and their presence inspired Trustee William Van Wyck, who presided as president of New York Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, to write a letter of appreciation and praise.

A delegation of Burgher Guardsmen carried the Society flags in the massing of the colors on Fifth Avenue and attended services after at St. Thomas Church on Sunday afternoon, October 7.

## Hackensack Church

The first Lutheran congregation in Hackensack, N. J., was organized in 1704 by Rev. Justis Falckner. Its members were mostly descendants of three Dutch families who had settled there between 1680 and 1690 and who had become closely related by marriage.

A stone marker on the east shore of the Hackensack River, just a little north of the Anderson street bridge, has this inscription: "The site of the Protestant Lutheran Church and Cemetery of Hackensack Township. Grant of site by Lawrence Van Buskirk 1716."

The congregation existed until about 1815.



# THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN NEW NETHERLAND

By Ottmar H. Van Norden

**May 24, 1645.** An excise on liquors and beaver skins to provide means for continuing our soldiers in service, has been prescribed by ordinance. This tax is made necessary by the Indian war and to provide protection for our citizens while harvesting.

**July 1, 1645.** Jannite, wife of Tomas Broen, has mortgaged to Isaac Allerton her house by Fort Amsterdam and now occupied by Pieter Piæ until such time as Tomas Broen has repaid to Allerton 209 guilders and 15 stivers. (This is now #1 Broadway).

**July 5, 1645.** Word has come from Holland that the army of Charles I of England has been decisively beaten by Cromwell's Ironsides at the battle of Naseby.

**July 6, 1645.** It is reported that the Assembly of XIX, acting under the advice of Petrus Stuyvesant, have agreed to reorganize the government of the West Indies Company by which its expenses will be divided among all of the Chambers instead of Amsterdam alone, and the trade policy of the Company will be altered to throw open to the ships of private merchants the right to carry merchandise and freight to New Amsterdam. It is rumored that Petrus Stuyvesant may be our new Director General.

**July 15, 1645.** Gold has been discovered in this province. During the recent treaty negotiations with the Mohawks at Fort Orange the face paint on a Sachem was observed to have a shining appearance. Director Kieft secured some of this material and when heated in a crucible it yielded, in appearance, "two pieces of gold worth about three guilders". Men have volunteered to search for the sources of this treasure in the mountains and samples will be sent to Holland.

**July 21, 1645.** Seven soldiers of Claude de St. Etienne, of Acadia, having been sent by him to New Amsterdam, have been taken into our service in the expectation that they will be used in exploring the gold prospects in the Raritans.

**July 21, 1645.** The conclusion of our recent treaty with the Mohawks has had a tremendous effect on the River and Long Island Indians. They now seek peace. The fact that the Tigers of the North are our firm allies has filled the local savages with apprehension. A great peace conclave has been called to meet at the Fort during the coming month.

**July 1645.** The Jesuit priest, Father Francis Joseph Bressani, has been given a safe conduct by Director Kieft on a ship sailing from here to Europe.

**August 30, 1645.** Peace has been formally concluded with the local savages after five years of bloody war. The sachems of the River and Long Island tribes, representing several thousand warriors, have gathered before the Fort and in solemn conclave and with smoking of the pipe of peace, long speech making and the exchanging of many belts of wampum, have promised "in the presence of the Sun and of the Ocean" to cease all aggression. Hereafter no savage will approach a Christ-

ian dwelling when armed, and we, the Dutch have made a like promise as regards the Indian villages. The hatchet has been buried and prisoners will be exchanged. A highlight of the great powwow was the presence of the Mohawk ambassadors who, throughout the conference occupied a place of high honor and took a leading part in the settlement.

**August 31, 1645.** By proclamation of the Director, this day is set apart for a general thanksgiving throughout New Netherland for the consummation of peace with the Indians. There will be preaching morning and evening at the Church in the Fort and our leading citizens will make speeches at the Bowling Green.

**Sept. 1, 1645.** Today there are not over one hundred male citizens in New Amsterdam, excluding traders and soldiers at the Fort, who are capable of bearing arms. Not in twenty years have the fortunes of the colony been at such a low ebb. Most of the outlying bouweries are in ruins and the people are destitute. The Indians hereabout, on the other hand, are many thousands strong while it is estimated that the English population of the New England colonies exceeds fifty thousand souls.

**Sept. 8, 1645.** Peter Jansen from Gorcum has received a ground brief for a house and garden on the east side of the Broad Way one hundred and twenty feet north of Beaver st. (#26 Broadway).

**Sept. 10, 1645.** Now that peace has been restored the Company has purchased from the Canarsie Indians the lands extending along the ocean from Couynen (Coney) Island to Gowanus, which are added to our domain. Also, a group of Englishmen, recently banished from Massachusetts, have obtained a patent for 16,000 acres of land east of Mespath, on Long Island, and have arrived in a body, with their families, to occupy it.

**Sept. 12, 1645.** Oloff Stevenson Van Cortlandt has received a ground brief for a house and garden on (#11-15) Stone St.

## MANHATTAN CEMETERY

Just off Chatham Square, in what was once a rural section of New Amsterdam, there is a little burial ground in which an exceptionally high percentage of the graves are decorated with American flags. Those who lie there were Revolutionary soldiers. They were descendants of Spanish and Portuguese who came here in Peter Stuyvesant's day—in 1654 and later—from Brazil.

Those early comers to Manhattan had gone to Brazil as voluntary enterprise colonists from Holland, where they had been domiciled for several generations. It was because Portugal seized Brazil from their tolerant and generous Dutch patrons and friends that they abandoned their South American homes and moved to what is now New York.

The sturdy  
Huguenot  
Dutch in Ne  
from pe  
a stan  
leaves to  
space of thi  
Mr. de Mi  
and a pion  
athering  
my Buildin  
on the occa  
Bill of Right  
should work  
hat power  
urched it  
those who w  
declared.  
A suit is  
Court on a  
unction to  
from Artist  
ance on the  
refusal to p

A few mo  
of New Am  
mission was  
for the pur  
described o  
River on the  
Newark Br  
stretching a  
The deal  
Staten Islan  
ment known  
became the  
Jersey. The  
ent day inc  
ond period  
lution and  
later years.

The roste  
searched w  
one Dutch  
nuelus Mel  
1639. The e  
ment on St  
Indians. He  
went with  
place, the  
early in 166  
was famili  
earlier yea  
friendly to  
of land.

For a de  
in Elizabet  
power of th  
in 1673, he  
one of the :



# MILLE CRUSADES FOR PRINCIPLES

sturdy independent spirit which prompted his ancestors to seek a refuge with the in New Amsterdam, where they would be persecuted has led Cecil B. de Mille to stand against present dangers which he sees to be a threat to the future liberty and of this country.

Mr. de Mille, who is a member of the Society a pioneer in the motion picture industry, told a gathering of thousands in front of the sub-Treasury Building, Wall and Nassau Street, this city, the occasion of the 156th anniversary of the of Rights enactment, that no man or group of should be trusted with the power to say who all work or who shall not work. "Let us take that power out of the hands of those who have used it and put it forever out of the reach of those who would bring slavery back to America," he declared.

A suit is pending in the California Supreme Court on application by Mr. de Mille for an injunction to enjoin the American Federation of Radio Artists, A.F. of L., from barring his appearance on the radio. He was suspended following refusal to pay an assessment of \$1 per member

which the union desired to fight a referendum intended to compel the maintaining of an open shop by all California labor unions. He said the assessment was imposed without consultation of members and disregarded the individual's right to make up his own mind on what to support on a ballot.

Recipient of an Americanism medal presented by Wall Street Post, American Legion, Mr. de Mille says his fight is not a question of unionism or non-unionism, or of capitalism versus socialism, "for you will find good Americans on both sides of these questions. "The issue is whether rights belonging to a citizen "are to be bartered away by some boss, whether in a union or anywhere else," he claims.

Mr. de Mille says his fight is not a personal controversy with his union, but he is speaking for the thousands of individual workers who have had no voice, and who are faced with the same harsh un-American choice—either to pay political tribute or lose the right to earn a living. "Let this one little tyranny become embedded in our system and you will have made ready the weapon that will annihilate individual freedom," he has stated.

## A DUTCHMAN AIDED ELIZABEHTHTOWN

A few months after the English came into control of New Amsterdam in 1664 for the first time permission was granted to settlers from New England for the purchase of land which may be roughly described as having been bound by the Raritan River on the south, the Passaic River on the North, Newark Bay and Staten Island on the east and stretching an indefinite distance inland.

The deal was completed with the Indians on Staten Island and almost immediately a settlement known as Elizabethtown was established. It became the first permanent community in New Jersey. The history of its growth down to the present day includes a role as leader during the Colonial period, center of resistance during the Revolution and pioneer in industrial development of later years.

The roster of Elizabethtown's pioneers may be searched without finding the name of more than one Dutchman. He was a Jacob Melyn, son of Cornelius Melyn, who had migrated from Holland in 1639. The elder man had at first attempted a settlement on Staten Island, but it was wiped out by the Indians. He returned to New Amsterdam and then went with the English in Connecticut, from which place the son, Jacob, removed to Elizabethtown, early in 1665 with some of the first newcomers. He was familiar with the country as a result of his earlier years in the region and because he was friendly to them the English allotted him 300 acres of land.

For a decade Melyn was more or less prominent in Elizabethtown and during the brief return to power of the Dutch, when they captured New York in 1673, he was in high favor. He was appointed one of the schepens of the town and captain of the

militia company. In later years he removed to New York and then to Boston, where he died.

It probably was fortunate for the Elizabethtown colony that Melyn resided there when the Dutch again gained power. The town numbered eighty men and their families in 1673. They named Melyn and two others as a committee of three to go to New York and treat with the Dutch.

Melyn and his two companions returned from the mission with word that the Reformed Christian religion was to be maintained and in other respects the colony might govern itself, with all ordinances approved by the Dutch commissioners before becoming effective. At that time a census was taken which revealed seven Dutchmen, including Jacob Truax and Direk Teunissen, names found later among the settlers of Middletown, Monmouth County.

Elizabethtown continued under Dutch rule represented at New York, until, in November, 1674, a treaty of peace was signed with the English. During the period things continued peaceful and the Dutch made no effort to force their own customs. When the English again took over the influence of the Dutch waned rapidly.

**Dr. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D., LL.D.**, president emeritus of Rutgers Theological Seminary and former pastor of the Catskill Reformed Church, has been honored by the gift of a window in Union Chapel, Twilight Park near Ledge End Inn, where he has spent his summers for many years. Made and given by Jessie Van Brunt of Brooklyn, talented artist and pupil of LaFarge, it is suitably inscribed, with the legend "A leader in imparting to others the works of God."



# IN MEMORIAM

## THOMAS ROWE VAN BOSKERCK

THOMAS ROWE VAN BOSKERCK:—a member of the Holland Society of New York since 1927, died July 8, 1945, at his home, 1332 Prospect Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey, after a brief illness. He was born October 28, 1867, and was the son of George W. and Elizabeth (Rowe) Van Boskerck. He had been a resident of Plainfield for fifty-six years. He was an active member of the Plainfield Country Club, and the Log Cabin Gun Club. His ancestors came from the Netherlands in 1665. He was educated at the Pingry School of Elizabeth, New Jersey. In the year 1886 he became associated with his father in the flour and grain business which had been founded in 1850. They had branch offices in London, England, and Genoa, Italy. He became a member of the New York Produce Exchange in 1887. His widow, Lucy Otterson Van Boskerck, a daughter, a grand daughter, a brother and three sisters survive.

## ALBION NOYES VAN VLECK

ALBION NOYES VAN VLECK:—a member of the Holland Society of New York since June, 1937, died at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, August 22, 1945. He was born in Sligo, Maryland, June 6, 1886. He was the son of Eugene Abraham and Florence Miranda (Noyes) Van Vleck. He was educated in the schools of Washington, D. C., and at Lehigh University, where he received his degree in Civil Engineering. He was employed by the well known firm of Post & McCord and the American Bridge Company. Also he was employed as an engineer by the architects F. M. Andrews and Guy Lowell. He served the Saginaw Ship Building Company of Saginaw, Michigan. He wrote extensively for engineering and architectural publications. He held many prominent Masonic offices. His wife, two daughters and three sisters survive him.

## WILLIAM AVERY GROAT

Dr. WILLIAM AVERY GROAT:—a member of the Holland Society of New York since October, 1914, died September 9, 1945, at his home in Syracuse, New York. He was born in Canastota, New York, November 9, 1876. He was the son of William Robert and Elizabeth Morgan (Avery) Groat. He attended Syracuse University and received his B.S. in 1897 and his M.D. in 1900. He was associated with St. Joseph's Hospital of Syracuse and with Syracuse Memorial Hospital. He was a man of prominence as a practicing physician and as a teacher of medicine. He served as an officer in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army in the first European war. He was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is survived by his wife, two sons, William A. Groat, Jr., and Professor Robert A. Groat, a daughter, a sister and seven grand children. He served our Society as Vice President for Central New York from 1928 through 1932.

## In Armed Forces

The following additions have been made to the list of members in service since the April issue:

Edwin Banta Ackerman, Jr.  
Remsen Beeson Ostrander  
George Stoney Springsteen, Jr.  
John Leeds Stoutenburgh, Jr.  
Daniel Comstock Taulman  
Richard Ide van Benschoten  
Willard Kramer Van Duzor  
Edgar Lyle Van Nuis  
John Munro Woolsey, Jr.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF

From William Miller Collier: Chart prepared by William Miller Collier of the Paternal American Ancestry of William Miller Collier of Auburn, N. Y., Theodore Collier of Providence, R. I. and their sisters, Margaret and Sarah, June 27-1945.  
From The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: Year Book, 1944-1945.  
From The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick: Year Book 1944.  
From Arthur J. Goff: Bible records of the Van Emburgh, Van Houten, Wortendyke and Zabriskie families.  
From The New Canaan Historical Society: Annual, 1945.  
From Saint Nicholas Society: Volume Commemorating the 110th Anniversary of the Founding of the Society (1945).

## FLUSHING OBSERVES TERCENTENARY

Continued from Page One

historical pageant was given in Flushing High School.

Dedication of the Bowne House took place on Wednesday afternoon, October 10, the exact anniversary of the granting of the charter to the Town of Flushing. The present mayor of Vlissingen, the town in Holland for which Flushing was named sent a message of greeting and similar word came from various parts of this country. A parade was held through Flushing streets on Friday afternoon, October 12, in which floats depicted historic incidents in the community and the concluding event was a ball on Saturday evening, October 13.

## TRUSTEES' MEETING

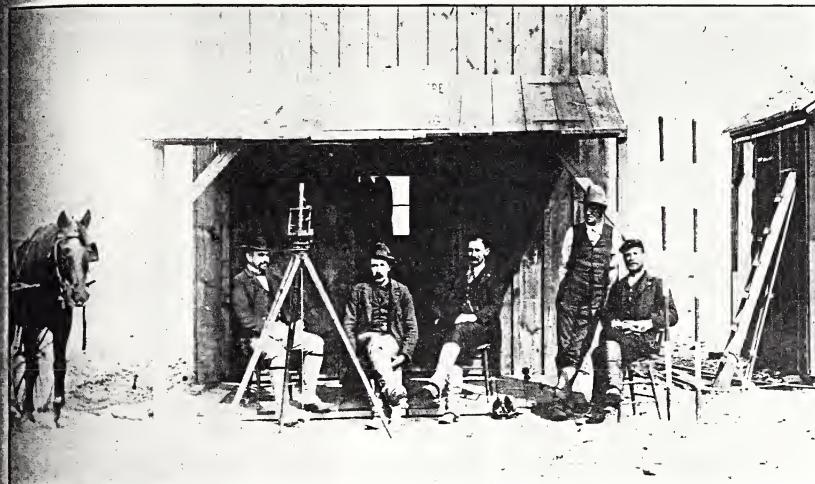
Continued from Page One

by Treasurer Rufus Cole Van Aken to be in sound condition. Trustee John de C. Van Etten chairman and other members of the finance committee were empowered to consult with officers of the Society as to investments of endowment funds now in savings accounts.

At dinner which followed the business meeting Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen, domine of the Society spoke of the work by the "Save-a-Ch'ld Fund" in aiding the homeless and undernourished children of Holland and other European countries. An account of the Bill of Rights Day observance on the steps of the Sub-Treasury in Wall Street was given by Trustee William Van Wyck, who praised the work of Cecil B. deMille, a member and principal speaker on the occasion, for his stand in defense of American principles.

Ti  
the Vi  
Willia





WHERE MONTAUK VILLAGE NOW STANDS

*The above picture was taken in 1897 when the Mecerole Engineering Company buildings were on the site of the Village of Montauk on Long Island. Reading from left to right, the "Horse with a Tale," Walter M. Mecerole, William K. Ryder, John H. Van Siclen, Samuel Lott Ryder and Richard W. Jones.*









